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1959-1960 Over-all Calendar of Activities

for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild

This over-all calendar lifts up just a few activities as a suggested guide for the year. In every issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN there will be a Calendar of Activities with specific items for every line of work as suggestions for action, things to do, that month.

The *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet*, "There's a Light Upon the Mountains," plus THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, are essential for informative programs on the work of the Woman's Division. Make plans early and secure all necessary material well in advance of need. Unless otherwise noted, order all literature from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio, or Distributing Offices.

- The Secretary of Promotion should see that all reports are mailed by October 1, February 1, and June 1.
- The treasurer should remit quarterly receipts to conference (or district) treasurer by August 5, November 5, February 5, and May 10.

June

Vice-President: Call Committee on Program to plan total educational program for the year.

Treasurer: Present recommendations from Committee on Finance on methods to secure funds for total budget.

Missionary Education: Become acquainted with study materials for 1959-1960. (See spread in June issue.)

Student Work: Cooperate in church plans for observance of Methodist Student Day (second Sunday in June).

Youth Work: Help in making it possible for youth to attend camp, institute, assembly, or workshop.

Children's Work: Cooperate in vacation church school plans.

Supply Work: Present *Askings* to Society for acceptance.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Make plans for presenting the urgent need for workers in home and foreign fields. Enlistment of missionary personnel is a special emphasis for Guild this year.

July

Christian Social Relations: Begin plans for United Nations Day (see July-August issue).

Student Work: Send *Student Information Cards* to Methodist campus Director of Religious Life, Director of Wesley Foundation, or to pastor of the church before August 1.

Children's Work: Attend a training group wherever possible.

Status of Women: Review materials on Status of Women: *Handbook, Changing Patterns for Women*, Officer's Letter File in the May 1958 issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Spiritual Life: Meet with Committee on Spiritual Life to become acquainted with material.

Promotion: Work with Committee on Membership in special effort for new members.

Student Work: Arrange to entertain overseas students over holidays.

Literature and Publications: Secure Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

December

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday.

Promotion: Look ahead to Epiphany, January 6, and plan for observance.

Student Work: Work with pastor in the observance of Student Recognition Day (fourth Sunday).

Children's Work: Assist with plans for January missionary study in church school or Sunday school and additional sessions.

January

Missionary Education: Cooperate in the church-wide study when it is offered.

Youth Work: Share resources with adult workers in MYF to enrich the study of "Africa."

Spiritual Life: Devise ways with the Secretary of Literature and Publications to keep the *Prayer Calendar* before the Society.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Guild month. Publicize the Guild in church and secular periodicals. Arrange a joint meeting with the Woman's Society.

Items of Interest

Honored

On January 28, 1959, Mrs. William E. Brock, Sr., was honored for more than thirty years of service to Wesley Community Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The tribute was twofold: the name of the center was officially changed to Miriam A. Brock Wesley Center and a portrait of Mrs. Brock was unveiled and hung in the main building. Inscribed under the painting, which was done by Robert Sims, a local artist, are these words from the Book of Proverbs: "Stretcheth out her hand in love; yea, she reaches forth her hand in kindness and mercy."

Mrs. Brock was a member of the small group which took out the charter for the center in August, 1920. She has seen it grow from an original investment of $1,500 to one now valued at approximately $200,000 with twelve lots and buildings. There are six full-time workers and thirty volunteers carrying on the weekly program. This project, under the auspices of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, has been credited as a major factor in rejuvenating the east side neighborhood it serves, once known as "Hell's Half Acre."

Recruitment for Nurses

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Georgia Conference has begun a campaign to interest more girls in nursing as a career. Mrs. Arthur Styron of Atlanta, president of the conference, said there is a "definite shortage of Christian nurses all over the United States." The immediate aim is to recruit more students for training in the Methodist-connected Emory University School of Nursing.

One objective of the new drive will be to encourage nurses to take a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in addition to an R.N. Emory's nursing school offers the four-year B.S. program in nursing and graduate work leading to the Master of Nursing. "There is an ever-expanding need for nurses," said Dr. Ada Fort, dean of the Emory nursing school. "More nurses must be recruited to keep pace with the needs."

Home Mission Study

Something new was added to the Sunday evening program of the First Methodist Church of Hanover, Pennsylvania, when the members engaged in a church-wide study of "North American Neighbors." Each session began with a snack supper followed by a fellowship period. Children up to five years of age toddled off to the nursery at 6:15 while the others gathered for a devotional service. At 6:30 p.m. the group divided into classes: primary, junior, Intermediate MYF, Senior MYF, and adults. The average attendance was 110, mostly families. Mrs. Edward J. Abendschein, president of the Woman's Society, reports that this was a most rewarding and enriching experience in the life of the church.

Spiritual Life Cultivation

Mrs. Marion Cox reports that the Woman's Society of the Epworth Methodist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, received great benefit from the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. In place of telescoping the week's activities into one program meeting (as some Societies do), this Society devoted five days to the observance. Cottage prayer meetings were held on three mornings, a quiet-time luncheon one day, and a program meeting one evening with the Wesleyan Service Guild at which the self-denial offering was received.

Cooperative Husband

Husbands often make a big contribution to the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Down in Danville, Kentucky, the members of the Allene Pearce Circle of the Centenary Woman's Society are grateful to the husband of the circle chairman. He sketched a picture of the Centenary Methodist Church for use on the informal notes which the circle members sell as a money-making project.

Sorry

Mrs. H. Goding of Flint, Michigan, has called our attention to misinformation concerning Helen Keller in the meditation "Bridges" which appeared in the January issue.

"According to the encyclopedia," writes Mrs. Goding, "Miss Keller was born normal but became blind, deaf, and dumb at nineteen months after a siege of scarlet fever.

"I didn't know this either until I read the article to my circle and this was brought to my attention. It is an inspiring meditation and the misinformation in no way detracted from the point of thought."

Life Memberships

It was a thrilling evening for the women of the Arlington Hills Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service, St. Paul, Minnesota, when the seven past presidents of their Society received Adult Life Memberships, one of the presidents receiving an Honorary Life Membership. The women of the Society felt the joy of "over and above" giving.

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I like the new indexing with bold black type now being used in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Such a little change but so very helpful and it adds emphasis to the whole magazine.

Mrs. Arnold Schleusener, Algona District Secretary of Status of Women, Marathon, Iowa

Bazaar Pledge

Three years ago the Woman's Society of Calvary Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois, discontinued its bazaar and substituted a "bazaar pledge" to raise the same amount of money. The theme for the pledge meeting last fall was "Christ for the World We Sing." Parts of both the A and B May program were used with the complete worship service.

A week before the meeting a letter was sent to each member signed by her circle chairman. The pledge card was enclosed with a colored note which represented her contribution. Each circle had a different color.

A giant staff of the music was constructed with notes outlined and numbered to facilitate placing the colored notes as they were presented with each pledge. Circles were called one at a time and the members placed their pledges or money in the collection plate on the altar and their notes on the music staff. When the last note was in place, the pianist played from the giant staff and to everyone's joy they were able to sing "Christ for the world we sing, Christ to the world we bring."

Families enjoyed the Sunday evening snack supper and church-wide mission study class at First Methodist Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. John P. Robinson, Secretary of Literature and Publications of the Woman's Society of North Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, poses in her "publication" costume fashioned from covers of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK sewn on a quilted robe. She wore the costume at a meeting of the Woman's Society to secure renewals and new subscriptions to the publications.

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A Young Missionary's First Letter

TO HER EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Each of us is settled now in her respective place. We saw Pat Clark off at Mingaladon Airport the night we arrived. Maurine flew down for the "coming in" and "going out" event. We all attended the Methodist English High School's graduation that night before seeing Pat off, so the 19th of December was a memorable day for me.

Maurine decided to stay in Rangoon to greet Bob Fuller, so we bought our rail tickets for the 6th of January. We got in on the Burma Methodist Conference welcome for us on the fifth.

Christmas in Rangoon was unforgettable. We were able to see the activities of the Chinese Church, the English Church, and the Burmese Church. It was a little wearing, too, I'll have to admit; but wonderful. I shall never forget the caroling of the young people of the Indian, Chinese, English-speaking, and Burmese churches. We went with them and therefore got to visit many homes. I don't think we could have arrived at a better time of year. We were able to meet many, many people.

When Maurine and I started for Kalaw, Providence must have been with us. We were stopped in Pegu about five hours. We learned through the papers several days later that a freight train had been attacked and the bridge damaged. But we were able to get through and catch our connecting train even though we were several hours late. So we arrived on schedule in Kalaw.

I am really enjoying Kalaw and Tha-ya-gay-ha residence. Maurine is so wonderful. Here I wanted to face hardships, but everything is too nice. Is this a typical missionary discovery? We have been keeping busy this vacation time, but I am so anxious to begin work.

There are several things I know we should do through your office. One is the missionary letter. I would like to wait until I begin teaching so I will be able to tell about work here.

Another is the travel expense account, which I have enclosed. It seems that I made awfully big expenditures. If I had it to do over again, I would have taken a coach and not the Pullman. Also if I had known that meals cost so much on the train, I think I would have packed my meals for a couple of days. I could have saved the $41.81 that I spent above the amount received. As it is, it has taken a chunk out of my December quarter salary.

While it is winter, it is quite warm here. Cherry blossoms break the green of the pines with a dash of pink. It is a lovely world. I hope I can do my share with God's people.

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MEN WORKING *Here!*

by
IONA S. HENRY

A FAMILIAR sign seen in many places over the land is "Men Working Here." Generally it is preceded by some admonishing word such as "Caution—Men Working Here" or "Go Slowly — Men Working Here." However, in the case of the men working in the secondary schools and junior colleges of the Department of Work in Home Fields no such cautionary words are needed. These dedicated men have chosen to give their professional years of service to projects in the home missions areas under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. In the aggregate, seven of them have given sixty-eight years of service. They are superintendents of elementary schools and high schools or presidents of junior colleges. They administer staffs of more than 230 and complex budgets of approximately one million dollars as they deal with the more than 2,500 children and youth in the schools under their administration.

The Administrator's Conference held June, 1958, at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina, included (*seated clockwise*): Dr. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer, host to the meeting; John Shappell, superintendent, George O. Robinson School; Earl Hays, president, Sue Bennett College (*partly hidden*); Victor Cruz-Aedo, superintendent of Holding Institute; Mrs. Iona S. Henry, associate secretary, Department of Work in Home Fields; Woodward P. Adams, superintendent, Vashti School for Girls; Dr. Felix Sutphin, president, Wood Junior College; E. L. Marsh, superintendent, Browning-Mather School; (*standing*): Willard P. Bass, superintendent of Navajo Mission School.

The dean of the group is Willard P. Bass, superintendent of Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico. He has been on the campus for twenty-four years, having started as coach in 1935. After two years in that work, he was appointed superintendent and has continued in that capacity. His wife is the former Dorothy Louise Johnston, the daughter of missionaries to Africa. The Basses' three children have been students in Navajo School.

Mr. Bass is known throughout the Navajo reservation and in New Mexico and Arizona as an authority on Indian affairs, particularly Navajo. His speciality, of course, is education and he is asked to chair many panels and discussion groups in that area of concern. He feels very strongly that mission schools for the Indians make a unique contribution to the culture of the Indian and are one of the most valuable safeguards against the demoralizing influences of civilization. The church on the campus of Navajo Methodist Mission School occupies a very important place in the lives of the students. Much of this awareness of the Christian witness is due to Mr. and Mrs. Bass.

The campus at Vashti School, located in southern Georgia at Thomasville, is home to the Rev. and Mrs. Woodward A. Adams. In 1954 the Adams' were serving at First Church, Moultrie, Georgia, when Mr. Adams felt a strong call

to give his energy to the Vashti School. As Mr. Adams tells of his joyful years of service here, his eyes twinkle and a smile plays around his lips. His enthusiasm is truly contagious and one feels that the girls have been placed in the care of a dedicated, wise leader. Throughout Georgia and Florida Mr. Adams is popular as a speaker for church organizations and community service clubs.

The trail of missionary activity has taken the Rev. John Shappell from school, seminary, and ministering to a Spanish congregation in Philadelphia to South America where he taught in schools in Peru and Argentina and now to George O. Robinson School in the Santurce section of San Juan, Puerto Rico. John and Dottie Shappell, through their years of service in Latin countries, are highly proficient in the Spanish language which is invaluable in the administration of George O. Robinson School. Mr. Shappell also supervises the extension schools in twelve churches, the mission work on St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, and on Vieques Island.

This complicated administrative program demands that the superintendent work almost constantly with Spanish-speaking people. To know them in their own home environment, speaking their language with them is most valuable. George O. Robinson School has an enrollment of nearly 400 with classes from kindergarten through to the twelfth grade, and the extension schools run to approximately 900. In two years' time, Mr. and Mrs. Shappell have endeared themselves to communities of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean area.

A Methodist product from his home life as a Methodist minister's son to his undergraduate life as a student at Rust College to principal at Browning Home and Mather Academy in Camden, South Carolina, and now superintendent of that high school—this is the progress report of Mr. E. L. Marsh. Memories of his father's pulpit and parish leadership are easily revived as one watches him in contact with the students on the campus of Mather Academy. His gentle, wise counseling, his fatherly approach, bespeak a deep Christian character which is a constant witness to a good life. Since 1937 Mr. Marsh has been connected with Browning Home and Mather Academy and is deeply respected by the people of Camden and central South Carolina.

Down on the Rio Grande, Victor Cruz-Aedo supervises Holding Institute in Laredo, Texas. Victor, one of the most colorful individuals in the southwest area, was born in Mexico and orphaned at an early age. His four brothers and sisters helped him in his early years and about the age of nine he was admitted to a Methodist orphanage in Waco, Texas. An older sister in San Antonio took the place of a mother and saw to it that he graduated from Lydia Patterson Institute and from Trinity University. With a master's degree from Southern Methodist University, he embarked on his career first as principal and then as superintendent at Holding Institute. Victor is half of a "brother act," for Francisco Cruz-Aedo is superintendent of Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso.

New buildings have been dedicated at Holding and their excellent structure and plan are in large measure due to Victor's astute judgment. One hundred and seventy-five students are enrolled in high school and junior high and enrollment increases are certain because of the great need in that area of teaching those from across the border where school facilities are limited.

Two junior colleges are supported entirely by the Woman's Division. Mr. Earl F. Hays is the new president of Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky. He had been dean of the college for the past ten years and upon the retirement of Miss Oscie Sanders he was made president. He is a Kentucky product, having graduated from Berea and earned a master's degree from the University of Kentucky. His wife, Elaine, teaches home economics in the college and together they form the nucleus of a dynamic, dedicated leadership which permeates campus and community life and reaches into denominational and educational circles of Kentucky.

Enrollment in Sue Bennett this year was 251 and indications are that next year there will be capacity enrollment. Mr. Hays is president of the Kentucky Junior College Association this year.

The second junior college under Woman's Division supervision is Wood Junior College at Mathiston, Mississippi. The Rev. Felix A. Sutphin was inaugurated president in 1957, coming to the administration of a college by way of the pulpit. His college education was received at Millsaps and his seminary training at Emory University. Millsaps College has since conferred an honorary doctorate on him. He served four different churches in North Mississippi Conference.

Both he and Mrs. Sutphin are graduates of Wood Junior College, which brings the continuity factor into perspective, for again we see the line of Methodist educational institutions operating over a span of years creating leadership in denominational and educational circles. The influence of the Sutphins throughout Mississippi parallels the deep, loving regard for them held by the student body and faculty of the college.

Men working here? Indeed they are—constantly, skillfully, and devotedly. However, as one recaps the above biographies one is impressed by the fact that in each case their co-partners, their wives, are working diligently with them to carry out the educational mission of their particular institution. Truly the Woman's Division is fortunate to have these high caliber men serving the schools and junior colleges under its supervision.

Communicating the Message

by
EDNA M. HUTCHINS

ON OUR educational work in India, we are often overwhelmed by the constant and insistent pressure from non-Christians to secure admission to our Christian schools, making it practically impossible for us to maintain the ratio between Christians and non-Christians set by our Board of Christian Education. The challenge is therefore tremendous to the Christians on the staff and the Christian students to interpret adequately the Christian way of life.

It is not possible to reach all the non-Christians through our regular Bible classes and chapel services, for, according to the government rules in the Educational Department, the parents must state in writing within the first ten days of the session if their children are not to register for these classes. One orthodox Hindu, a government official, was emphatic in objecting to the Bible classes and asked for exemption for his ten-year-old child. But about that time we had an evangelistic missionary for a week in the elementary school. Her program of drama, music, and handwork correlated with the Bible classes was so appealing that the child was determined to have a part in it. What happened at home we do not know, but the decision regarding study of the Bible was reversed, and a very happy and intelligent pupil took an active part in the class.

The hostels attached to our mission institutions are meant primarily for Christians, but circumstances sometimes make it necessary for us to admit students from other faiths. A Hindu family asked to have three girls admitted to the boarding department of our school in Lucknow. They lived in a distant city where they did not have proper educational facilities for their children. Soon after arrival the youngest child became seriously ill. We went to the railway station at two A.M. to get the station master to send a telephone message asking the parents to come at once. The father arrived the next day and instead of removing the child, as we anticipated, he said, "I put my children in a Christian school because of the concern for each individual child. You have put her in a Christian hospital and I am satisfied that she will get the best possible care."

After a day or so he went back to his work. When the doctor had grave doubts as to whether the child could possibly survive, we again telephoned and asked that both father and mother come. They came prepared to stay until the child was out of danger. We explained the critical condition of their little daughter, but added that we were having special prayers for her. With childlike faith that father explained the situation to the mother, but told her that Rajvati would live because of our prayers. And she did.

The president of the Legislative Assembly in our province, a Hindu, came to the school at the time of the Centenary celebrations with the suggestion that we publish a booklet and give people of different faiths an opportunity to express how Christian institutions had influenced their life and thinking. He said, "Some of us owe our very lives to Christian institutions and would not hesitate to give witness to that fact."

There is a beautiful Indian woman, widow of an outstanding university professor, who has always sought fellowship with Christians. Last year when Dr. E. Stanley Jones was holding evangelistic services in our school hall she attended the services daily and even came to the morning meetings which were planned specially for Christians. Dr. Jones noted her interest and reverent attention. The last night of the meetings when Dr. Jones called for a public declaration, she was one of the first to stand up.

Our Christian institutions are not only educating and strengthening our Christian community, but are also communicating the Christian message to our non-Christian students and their families.

RELIGION IS TAUGHT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SINGAPORE

One new opportunity in Singapore is quite thrilling. The government has decreed that religion shall be taught in all government schools, each religious body to be responsible for its own faith. The Malayan Christian Council is the responsible body for the Protestant Christian faith. Volunteers were asked from among the teachers and 110 responded from the English-speaking schools.

Trinity College was asked to give six two-hour periods to these teachers, instructing them Bible content and methods. I have had the methods part for eighty primary teachers. Of course we know that half an hour a week isn't very much, but a great deal can be done in that time if the teachers only concentrate on clear-cut aims. They are keen and responsive.

—HELEN DESJARDINS

Educating for Changing Patterns of Living

by JOHN E. SHAPPELL

THERE IS a sense in which the changes confronting the American city are felt by, or duplicated in, the different schools and colleges under the auspices of The Methodist Church. The schools of the Woman's Division are faced with problems in four areas as they educate for changing patterns of living.

The first of these is curriculum. *Sputnik* has caused an uproar among parents and educators alike. There has been a demand that we re-examine our curriculum, that we out-Sputnik the Russians. But we have to decide our educational aims. We are in the search for truth—no matter where that search may lead us, but we are not interested solely in producing scientists. The small school especially feels the pressure and is called upon—many times under pressure—to offer more science courses. To do so means cutting some other department. Should we cut English, social sciences, religion in order to give more science?

Our students must be prepared to meet practical needs. We are a democracy and education in a democracy is far different from that in Europe or Russia. We feel strongly the desire to educate "all American youth"—not just the intellectually elite. In Germany, for example, at the end of the fourth grade a child's future is decided—whether he is college material or not.

How can we present a well-rounded curriculum, giving opportunities to the gifted child, and yet develop courses for those who are not so highly fortunate—all within the framework of a Christian structure? And this within our limited budgets!

The second area is that of the disenfranchised child. By this I mean the child who by reason of place of birth, accident of birth, language, color, or a broken home, is in need of an education which only we can offer. What can we do to make these students become worthy citizens with a vital Christian faith?

The third area is that of the development of potential Christian leaders. "Missions extends the frontier of the church; education builds the city of God," so said Dr. John Gross at the recent meeting of the General Board of Education in Kansas City. Many of the schools of the Woman's Division are unique in that they have been or are frontiers of the church and they are becoming first-class educational institutions developing potential Christian leaders. We must prepare leaders who will catch a vision of the way the church can minister to the changing world—in all phases of life—and thereby bring about the true city of God. We need leaders among youth to offset the "beat generation."

This presents the problem of scholarship help, and the careful screening of students. What can we do to prepare these potential leaders for the church of tomorrow?

The final area is that of stability. Children who attend our schools usually take their place in the city or suburbia. We are in a sense preparing them for life in the city with all its complexities. They need to have a sense of stability which will equip them for the stress and strain of city life. They can find that only in a school with a stable faculty—not only in a geographical sense of stability, but emotional and spiritual stability as well. The personnel problem is perhaps the biggest one which our schools face.

What can we do to develop in our educational institutions a stable, vital Christian faculty which will give meaning and purpose to our schools and give a positive Christian witness to our students and the community which we serve?

These four areas in which Woman's Division schools are struggling, and the resulting questions, are of vital concern to our Methodist church family.

Superintendent John Shappell with members of the George O. Robinson staff in San Juan, Puerto Rico

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AN EVANGELISTIC ITINERARY

Chinese Christians Respond to the Macedonian Call

by

ORVIA PROCTOR

Miss Proctor, now at home on pre-retirement furlough, speaks with warm affection of the leaders in the Rangoon Methodist Chinese churches. She mentions particularly their enduring sense of mission, irrevocable dedication, tireless efforts, and contagious enthusiasm in the evangelistic task. These qualities are evident in the story of the gospel team that went to Upper Burma.

AT THE junction of the highway where the road leads in to Kyaukme, a large group of Chinese people were waiting. Most of them lived in Kyaukme, but some had come from Meng-ngaw thirty miles away and others from Nam-shan, seventy miles away. There they were—patiently waiting at the junction. Waiting for what? They were waiting for a gospel van bringing a gospel team from the Rangoon Chinese Methodist Church. In vain they waited, hour after hour. When they heard the train whistle, by intuition they rushed to the railway station. What rejoicing! The team had arrived.

In Burma the door of evangelism is wide open. And the laity—men, women, and youth—are earnest evangelists working with the district superintendent and pastors in leading people through the open door to church membership. During the past several years the evangelistic work of the Chinese Methodist Church in Rangoon has spread to other districts. Gospel teams respond to the repeated Macedonian calls for help.

Evangelism here is a whole church project. Two of the seven persons on the team that went to Upper Burma were from the Methodist Youth Fellowship and two from the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Each one had a specific task and all worked in harmony.

They visited all the places marked on the map. The heavy schedule of travel, meetings, and home visitations required physical stamina and inner reserves. One compensating reward was the new sense of fellowship gained in group living.

Travel in Burma is not easy. The team decided it was safer to travel by train for the long stretches, in place of driving the gospel van as first announced. (That is why the little group at the Kyaukme crossroad almost missed them.) Short distances were traversed by car. This gave the travelers a chance to enjoy the scenic beauty en route.

Plans for their entertainment had been well made in advance. Sometimes they were domiciled in a mission school, other times they were the guests of a Christian family. Everywhere they were accorded warm hospitality, showing the eagerness of the people to have the gospel team in their midst.

Only a few glimpses can be given of this itinerary which meant so much in the lives of so many.

Mandalay . . . the Royal City of Olden Day. As one can see by the map, the trip from Rangoon to Mandalay is a long day's journey. Weariness had settled on the group by the time they arrived there late in the evening, for they had started at five o'clock that morning. But everyone was up early the next morning to begin the round of visitations in the Chinese Christian homes. A prayer meeting that night followed by another preaching service the next morning ended the stay in this old Burmese capital. And the team motored to Maymyo.

Maymyo . . . Summer Resort and Town of Beautiful Flowers. The prayer meeting held that first evening illustrates some of the difficulty in communicating the message. The leader spoke in Amoy dialect. His message was translated into English by another speaker, and then into Burmese by a third man. Through it all the atmosphere was solemn, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Again home visitations were made and another preaching service held in the afternoon. On Sunday two meetings were conducted: a Bible study and a church service.

Kyaukme . . . the Quiet Hilly Town. Another long train ride through mountainous forests and tunnels brought the travelers to Kyaukme where the people had been waiting for them at the junction. Here the program was varied; films were shown following the two evening evangelistic meetings. A probationer's class was held for the twelve persons who wanted to be baptized. During the day, home visits were made and a Bible study was conducted one morning. The team noticed one fine thing in this town: the husband and wife came together to worship.

Lashio . . . Important Center of Upper Burma. Things were different here, for the place was under military administration. The program of home visitation was curtailed, but an evangelistic meeting was held with a film showing. However, noisy children and poor lighting caused great dismay. Discouraged, the group prayed together late into the night.

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Places visited by Gospel Team

The morning brought reassurance, for necessary passes were obtained and some home visits were made. The message at the Chinese Church that day had great results and about sixty persons attended the Sunday services.

The next place was Kutkai and the trip there was made by car.

Kutkai . . . The Plain in the High Land. In this high altitude the group experienced shivering cold nights. But the work continued to warm their hearts as they visited in homes, held evangelistic meetings and family prayer groups. In this town, members of a youth camp organized by the principal of the Kachin Bible School participated in the meetings. Again sermons were interpreted from Chinese into Burmese into Kachin.

Muse . . . The Little Town on the River Shweli. The ten Chinese Christian families in this town were inspired by the evangelistic visit. It was evident that because of the language difficulty in the local native church the Chinese needed more care for spiritual growth. One of the devout laymen sent the team in his car to the next appointment.

Namkham . . . Haven on the Border. The group stayed in a home situated in a Christian village near the hospital of the famed Burma Surgeon. Groves of bamboos with murmuring streams meandering along presented a new kind of environment.

And a new experience awaited the group. In the hills were people known as "Little Han," honest, simple farmers. Most of them are illiterate. Some of them walked all one day to take part in the meeting. Their facial expressions during the Bible study and sermon revealed their eagerness to learn. Again interpretations were necessary, this time into the Shan dialect. The gospel team learned the difficulty of spreading the Good News in the hills, but the members also shared in the rejoicing over the outcome.

Bhamo . . . The Town Rehabilitated After the War. The team traveled by car from Namkham to Bhamo over a steep, winding road. The Chinese Christians are few in number but they have harmonious relationships with the other church groups. The evening meeting was attended by Kachins and Karens with their choirs and a great fellowship was enjoyed.

Myitkyina . . . Landscape of Blue Mountains and Crystal Clear Waters. The longest stay was made at this northern town situated on the bank of the swift-flowing Irrawaddy River and surrounded by distant mountains. Though it was the hottest time of the year, everyone showed great enthusiasm and eagerness. The team made good use of the time in preaching, giving personal testimony, and visiting the families of all Chinese Christians. As a result, the church took on new life.

Thus the team visited nine places from Mandalay to Myitkyina enjoying the cooperation and support of the Burmese pastors of Baptist and British Methodist churches, and bringing refreshment to discouraged or lukewarm Chinese Christians. The next objective of the Chinese Methodist Church is Bassein, the largest seaport of Burma next to Rangoon. The Chinese population numbers many thousands, but there are only two or three Christian families.

Evangelism at Home

In all this zeal for spreading the gospel to distant places, the church has not neglected the neighbor nearby. Several members, both men and women, think nothing of giving a half-day a week (some even give two) to evangelistic calling in Rangoon and its suburbs. It was the evangelistic fervor of several members of the Rangoon official board which led them ten years ago to begin holding separate services each Sunday for Mandarin-speaking Chinese (their own language being the Amoy dialect). In 1956 this congregation became a full-fledged church entirely self-supporting and carrying on its own evangelistic program.

Evangelism is always the keynote of the annual special services at the Chinese New Year season. Last year they went to considerable expense to bring an evangelist from Sumatra for two weeks. This year the women and the youth presented the challenge in dramatic form, putting on plays for three nights with enough preaching to make the application clear. This is a method they often use, and they do it very effectively.

Whence come the spirit and vitality of this Chinese Church? Five of the chief leaders of the church meet weekly as a prayer group. Once a week also ten or more older women hold a prayer meeting. About forty men and women, old and young, attend a midweek prayer meeting. Permanently etched upon my mind is a picture which symbolizes this spirit: an old woman in her nineties kneeling at the church altar. Always when I arrived for Sunday school, there she was kneeling. She is no longer able to go to the church, but at home she still prays at her bedside, on her knees.

Vice - President Richard M. Nixon presents an Institute of International Education award to a Methodist couple, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Grimwood of Burns, Kansas, for their leadership in making Burns "a home-away - from - home" for foreign students.

It Happened in Burns

Through several avenues the Woman's Division of Christian Service has been emphasizing the importance of entertaining foreign students. Many encouraging reports have been received of the good work done across the country. Now a Woman's Society of Christian Service has won national recognition for its program of creating a home-away-from-home for foreign students. The story is gleaned from newspaper clippings and letters from Mrs. E. D. Grimwood who initiated the project and accepted the award for the town of Burns. Mrs. Grimwood is Secretary of Missionary Education in the local Woman's Society and Winfield District Secretary of Spiritual Life.

BURNS, KANSAS, is a small town. Yet it rated a distinguished service award for its work with foreign students. The recognition was given by the Institute of Interdenominational Education which administers two-way scholarship programs between the United States and eighty-two nations. The presentation was made in Washington, D. C., at a dinner during the Institute's Third National Conference on Exchange of Persons. Vice-president Richard Nixon presented the award to Mrs. E. D. Grimwood of Burns who had the inspiration to initiate the program which became a town project.

The project began in the fall of 1954 when Mrs. Grimwood read about another town that had invited foreign students to spend the holidays with them. She and Mrs. Bonnie Lohrentz decided to present the idea to the Woman's Society.

"Many prayers and much careful thinking preceded the actual bringing of foreign students to Burns for a few days of home life," said Mrs. Fred Olberding, president of the Woman's Society.

The citation gives a good resumé of the project.

Citation

To the People of Burns, Kansas, who have created a home away from home for foreign students from all parts of the world, the Institute of International Education presents its award for distinguished service.

In the midst of farm lands and oil fields, isolated from the stream of world traffic, this town of 310 people has proved that international exchange is not the sole privilege of metropolitan cities. Since 1954, young men and women of every race, creed, and color have been welcomed into the homes of the Burns farmer, the cabinetmaker, the minister, the businessman and the teacher. A foreign student aptly characterized the distinctive character of the town when he said, "Burns is on the way *to* and *from* everywhere."

The Burns program, organized by the Woman's Society of The Methodist Church, began on Thanksgiving, 1954. The first foreign visitors were ten students from the University of Kansas, 140 miles away. Not only did they return, but they brought with them friends from campuses across the country. They came on Christmas, New Year's, Mother's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July, and during the summer—just as American students come home for college vacations.

In five years seventy-seven students from thirty-seven countries—Hindus, Moslems, Christians, and Buddhists—have come to Burns, not once but many times. If the city of Washington, with a population of 800,000, had opened its homes on a comparable scale, we would have had 192,000 guests from abroad here during that time. As one overseas guest said, "Burns is the smallest U. S. community with the biggest foreign diplomatic service in the world."

The students came back to Burns because they did not feel like visitors. They had gained the feeling of belonging to a family—a rare gift to any man or woman thousands of miles from his own country. These students have become a part of the life of Burns. They drive combines and tractors in the wheat fields, milk cows in local dairies, help to cook meals and dress the children, and some even teach Sunday-school classes. They have shared the joys and sorrows of this small town, taking part in its weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

One foreign student on her return home described the impact of her Burns experience: "When I close my eyes a little bit I see the Grimwood house with the chain of Christmas lights in front . . . and my look wanders around: I see Burns Plaza, the Methodist and Catholic churches, the Nelsons', the Lohrentzs', the Funkes' and Notzs', the Brenzikofers', the Warkentines' and all the other houses and farms. And it is good to know that you are all there instead of in a big city, where life and people are changing so terribly fast. I see you picking up your mail at the post office—there must be a lot of foreign mail—and going to the grocery and filling station. Really I haven't lost a bit of all this, because they are my most and best cherished memories. It is a great accomplishment, what you have done. We never can pay back all of you. It never can be compared with the organized dinners and club and church meetings where in the long run a foreign student felt a little bit like a peacock in a zoo. You gave us part of you, by sharing your everyday life with us."

To the citizens of Burns, the descendants of pioneers, who have understood so well that friendship is not a gesture but a real sharing of everyday life, the Institute of International Education presents its distinguished service award.

Response

In accepting the award, Mrs. Grimwood closed her remarks with this message: "In Burns we have experienced an age-old reality that when people really know one another they learn to like one another, and we have been experiencing this in the atmosphere of the homes in Burns. We find that where the members of the family have love, understanding, and respect for one another, they also can get the idea across to visitors from other lands; because it is part of their everyday life. We have found that there are no barriers of race, creed, or nationality when lived within the home."

Vacation Homes

Vacation Opportunities for Missionaries and Deaconesses

Two beautiful summer homes are sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service for missionaries and deaconesses on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institute at Chautauqua, New York. This institute offers a variety of educational, religious, and recreational activities. The Chautauqua Missionary Home fronts on the lake and is very near the auditorium. Fenton Memorial Rest Home for deaconesses is also located near the auditorium.

For further information write the hostesses:

Chautauqua Missionary Home—Mrs. Charles H. Thomas, 133 Hamilton Drive, Snyder 21, New York.

Fenton Memorial Rest Home—Miss Dixie Carl, 340 South Ridgewood, Daytona Beach, Florida.

At Ludington, Michigan, is Elvira Olney Summer Cottage which offers a vacation home for women employed by the church. Weekly rates for room and board are $15.00. The program put on by Epworth Assembly on Lake Michigan is of interesting variety.

For further information address:

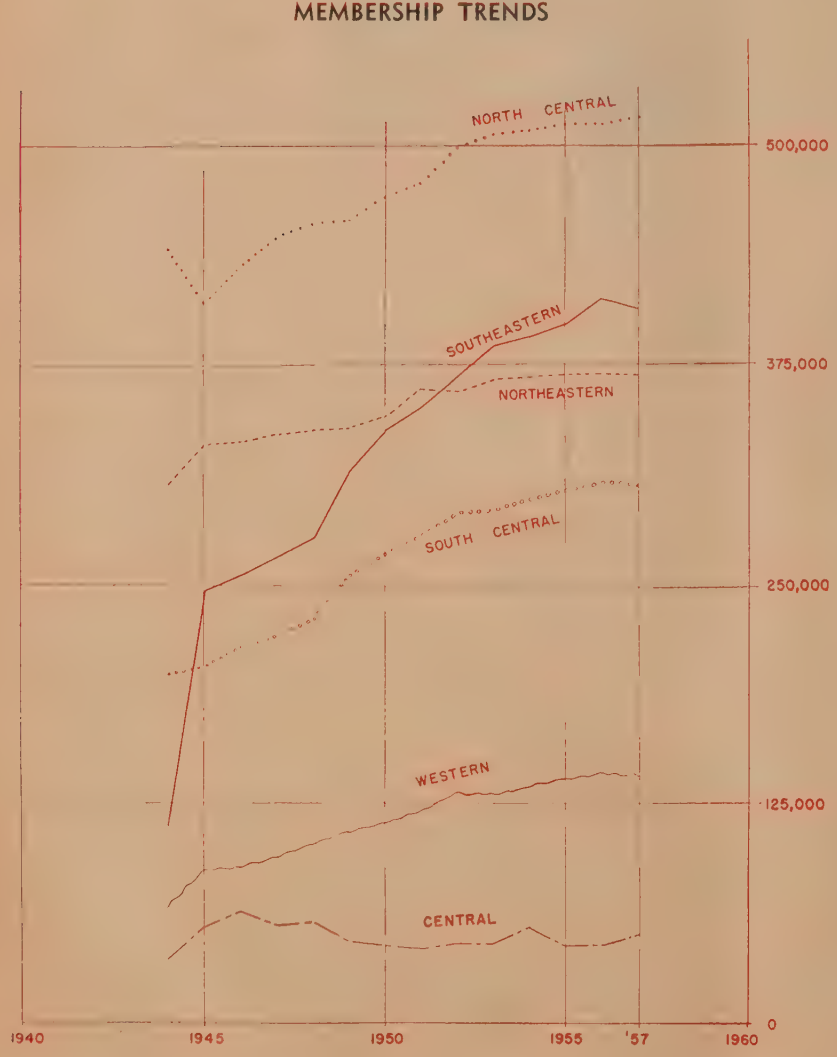
Mrs. Mont C. Oliver—Elvira Olney Cottage, Ludington, Michigan.

PROGRESS REPORT

Woman's Society of Christian Service Since Unification

Charts, table, and text from **The Methodist Church Since Unification,** *by Frederick A. Shippey, a report prepared for the General Conference Commission for Study and Action on the Jurisdictional System.*

MEMBERSHIP TRENDS



Membership

A dramatic presentation of the fluctuating membership trends for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, year by year, 1944-1957, is provided on the accompanying chart. During this fourteen-year period membership climbed 626,-740 persons or 54.0 per cent. Today the Society boasts of more than one and three-fourths million members. Growth continues as a dominant characteristic.

Trend fortunes among the jurisdictions vary. For Central Jurisdiction the report is relatively static and declining. In 1957, the membership figure was lower than in 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1954. Central's real growth occurred in 1945 and 1946 but the jurisdiction has stood still since. By way of contrast the remaining five jurisdictions have grown in a remarkable manner. Western Jurisdiction has doubled and Southeastern has almost quadrupled in size since 1944. North Central increased by 74,849 persons, or 17.0 per cent. This jurisdiction continues as pace setter for The Methodist Church. Northeastern had a net increase of 63,561 individuals, or 20.8 per cent. During the fourteen-year period Southeastern gained 294,119 persons or 263.2 per cent. Western doubled with an increase of 73,553 or 109.4 per cent. Remarkable growth characterizes the trends among five jurisdictions.

Giving for Missions

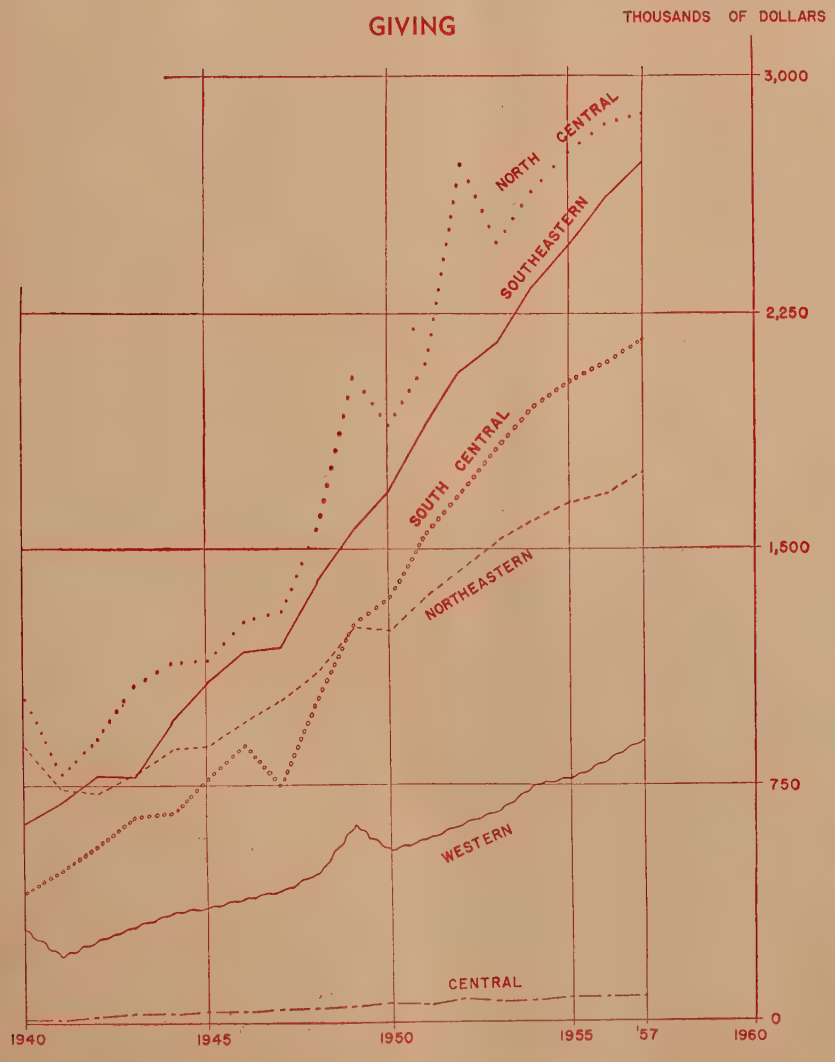
Funds raised for benevolent purposes by the Woman's Society of Christian Service during the period 1940-1957 are shown on the accompanying trend chart. In 1940, $3,247,774 was collected. By 1957 the figure had leaped to $10,515,-142, a gain of seven and a quarter million dollars or 223.8 per cent. The benevolent income tripled in eighteen years.

Among the jurisdictions, participation in the expanding benevolent program varies. Central has shown the greatest percentage gain —741.1, or $76,875. South Central is next with 424.5 per cent, followed by Southeastern with 331.3 per cent. Western has tripled its support and Northeastern has doubled its dollar participation but has dropped from second to fourth place in total funds raised for this purpose. However, North Central continues as pace setter for the denomination, a role which has been held since Unification.

The reader is reminded of the changes in the economy of the United States during recent years. Because of inflation the 1957 mission dollar will purchase approximately fifty cents worth of goods and services according to 1940 monetary values. Hence some of the remarkable increases in benevolent giving leave the work of the church at about the same level as eighteen years ago. A spectacular increase is almost necessary in order to expand the worthwhile missionary program.

Woman's Society of Christian Service Dollars Paid for Local Work 1944-1957, by Jurisdictions
The Methodist Church

Jurisdiction	*1944 ($)*	*1957 ($)*	*Increase 1944-1957 Number ($)*	*Per cent*
Central	245,914	382,803	+ 136,889	55.7 gain
North Central....	2,223,381	5,613,366	+3,389,985	152.5 gain
Northeastern	1,900,256	4,361,865	+2,461,609	129.5 gain
South Central....	1,111,911	2,589,603	+1,477,692	132.9 gain
Southeastern	1,104,070	3,013,530	+1,909,460	172.9 gain
Western	431,581	1,634,214	+1,212,633	278.7 gain
Total Church	$7,017,113	$17,595,381	+$10,578,268	150.7 gain



Local Work

Dollars raised for local work by the Woman's Society of Christian Service are summarized in the accompanying table. Herein is shown that $7,017,113 raised in 1944 jumped to $17,595,381 in 1957, yielding a net gain of $10,578,268 or 150.7 per cent. Budgetary expansion appears as a dominant pattern.

Among the jurisdictions, increase was surely universal but some jurisdictions expanded local expenditures at a faster pace than others. Central increased 55.7 per cent or $136,889 since 1944. North Central hoisted the earlier figure by $3,389,985 or 152.5 per cent. Northeastern ballooned the local budget $2,461,609 for an increase of 129.5 per cent. South Central reported a gain of $1,477,692 or 132.9 per cent. Southeastern jumped $1,909,460 or 172.9 per cent. Western reached an all-time high by adding $1,202,633 for the largest percentage gain of all (278.7). All jurisdictions more than doubled the amount for local work expenses with the exception of Central. Only Western nearly quadrupled its local expenses.

A new appreciation of the importance to the church is gained from a study of trends in membership and finances of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. To know the facts is to appreciate.

A New Status for Women

by LEONARD PERRYMAN

Miss Gusta Robinett, the first woman district superintendent.

A WOMAN'S DIVISION missionary to Sumatra, Indonesia, Miss Gusta A. Robinett, has become the first woman district superintendent of The Methodist Church. A seminary graduate and a missionary for twenty-eight years, Miss Robinett was appointed to the superintendency of the Chinese Medan District by Bishop Hobart B. Amstutz of the Singapore Area, at the annual meeting of the Sumatra Methodist Conference. She was appointed also to direct women's work in the conference, which will take her into every Methodist church in Sumatra.

In a message to the Methodist Board of Missions, Bishop Amstutz wrote: "It was a great moment in the annual conference when I read the appointment of Miss Robinett and asked J. Wesley Day (a missionary district superintendent) to present her to the conference, and she read the appointments for her district."

Miss Robinett's district comprises at least ten Chinese-speaking Methodist congregations in Medan, a city of 400,000 and other towns and villages scattered along the northeastern coast of Sumatra.

Events move rapidly. This appointment comes not quite three years after General Conference granted full clergy rights to women. At Minneapolis, Minnesota, in May, 1956, action was taken allowing women to be admitted into full ministerial membership in Methodist annual conferences. Miss Robinett is the first woman to be named to the "line" administrative office of district superintendent and thus sit in the bishop's cabinet and have direction of the work of ministers in a district.

This is the second time since 1956 that a Methodist missionary overseas has achieved a "first" in women's clergy rghts. Within a month after General Conference acted, Mrs. Maud K. Jensen, missionary to Korea, became the first woman to be admitted into full membership in an annual conference—Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Bishop Amstutz made this historic appointment only a short time after Miss Robinett and Miss Tan Sim Hong, a Chinese woman minister, were admitted to full membership in the Sumatra Conference. Miss Robinett succeeds a Chinese minister, the Rev. Yap Un Han. He gave up the superintendency because of heavy pressure of other duties, including the principalship of a high school and a Bible school and the pastorate of a church.

Miss Robinett is well equipped linguistically to carry out her new duties. She speaks five languages —two Chinese dialects, Indonesian, Batak (a native Sumatran language), and English.

Born in Whitley County, Indiana, Miss Robinett graduated in 1929 with a bachelor of arts degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. She took theological training at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, and was graduated in 1946 with a bachelor of divinity degree.

After several years of public-school teaching, Miss Robinett sailed for China in 1930 to begin missionary service. She taught English and religious education at a woman's Bible training school and high school in Chien-Ching and then did rural evangelistic work in the vicinity of Yemping.

From 1943-1947 Miss Robinett was in the United States speaking and studying. She returned to China in 1947 and carried on rural evangelistic work in Kukien province until 1950, when she left the country because of the Communist conquest.

After three years of lecturing in the United States, Miss Robinett was assigned to Sumatra, where for five years she has taught in Bible training schools and has served as pastor of Indonesian, Chinese, and English-speaking Methodist churches. She was in the United States in 1958 on furlough and attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in January, 1958, at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

Rich Years of Progress

Excerpts From Historical Booklet

THE Mary Johnston Hospital and School of Nursing observed its fiftieth year of ministry last November. The celebrations started with a nation-wide observance of a Mary Johnston Sunday in all the Methodist churches in the Philippines. During the services emphasis was placed on the significant role the hospital has played in the life not only of the Methodist Church in the Philippines but also of the nation as a whole.

During the two successive Saturdays programs were held at the Mary Johnston compound. The first was designated Alumni Day. Graduates of the Mary Johnston School of Nursing and the "alumni" of the Mary Johnston Hospital Nursery (people born in the hospital) joined in this celebration which included recognition rites for alumni who have given distinguished contributions to the life of the nation, and for those who have unselfishly given meritorious services to the institution throughout the past years.

On Dedication Day, a plaque celebrating the fiftieth year of service of the Mary Johnston Hospital and School of Nursing was unveiled. President Carlos P. Garcia was a guest speaker at the celebration.

A timetable of progress indicates the amazing growth and need of this ministry of service.

1907 — The Mary Johnston School of Nursing was organized in 1907 under the management of Dr. Rebecca Parrish and two American registered nurses. The first class of three young Filipino girls was admitted to a nurses' training course in a little dispensary on Avenida Rizal, Manila.

1908—The students of the elementary grades helped with dispensary work and visited people in the neighborhood. Three new students joined the original three of the first class. A new building for the Mary Johnston Memorial Hospital was opened in Tondo, including a nurses' dormitory.

1909—"We have two classes, the seniors, numbering nine, and the juniors, numbering six. With the exception of supervision all the nursing is in the hands of the Filipino nurses."

1911—This year marks an epoch in our history. In July the first nurses graduated from the Mary Johnston School of Nursing.

1916—Pupil nurses numbered 33, with three graduates assisting.

1922—Forty-one enrolled in classes, and others ready to enter; eighty-nine graduates in fifteen years.

1926—One word characterizes the work—*service*. "One hundred and fifty-nine graduates are scattered everywhere giving splendid service for their people and nation."

1929—To keep pace with the modern development in nursing education, a Public Health Nursing course was introduced.

1941—On December 8, 1941, classes were suspended by order of the government because of World War II. Many students stayed to care for the sick and wounded.

1942—The school was given permission to reopen. It was the first private school of nursing granted permission to open by the Japanese Military Regime. A class was graduated in October.

1943—A new class was admitted.

1945—The hospital was burned on February 5, 1945.

1947—Mary Johnston School of Nursing opened its doors again to twenty-five students. Pioneering in higher requirements for students, the school now required one year of college work before admission.

1948—Miss Librada Javalera became first Filipino director of the School of Nursing.

Mary Johnston Hospital in Manila, Philippines.

Methodist Prints: Meeker

1950—The new Mary Johnston Hospital was opened on August 26. The school of nursing continued to be an independent unit affiliated with the hospital. This affiliation provided experience in major clinical areas.

1953—The Bureau of Private Schools granted Mary Johnston School of Nursing the authority to offer a collegiate program in nursing under the general organization of the Philippine Christian Colleges, a church educational institution.

The first step which a "MJ" nursing student takes is to come to the school for an interview and a "battery" of tests. After successfully passing these tests she spends her first year in Philippine Christian Colleges but comes to the school of nursing for several classes.

The following summer is spent in the school of nursing where she receives classroom instruction in the basic principles of nursing. The dedication service at the end of the first semester of the second year marks the initiation into the clinical practice field. Here, under the guidance of clinical instructors with the cooperation of nursing service supervisors and head nurses, she has the opportunity to apply the principles learned in the classroom. In the clinical area she learns to feed babies in the nursery, serve attractive trays to patients, assist the doctors in the clinics, dress wounds in the Out Patient Department, and many other types of nursing care as well as having an opportunity to attend Public Health Nursing evaluation conferences.

1957—Mary Johnston School of Nursing received government recognition for the four-year course in nursing and the first class of sixteen was graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

1958—We have graduated 620 nurses. The Mary Johnston Hospital and School of Nursing marks its Golden Anniversary.

LITERACY AIDS | *bible hymnal*

by
EULINE E. WEEMS

ON SUNDAY morning in Korea one recognizes Christians on the streets by the Bibles and hymnals they carry. A friend went to church for the first time when she was twelve but refused to go again until she had learned to read because the girl next to her had offered to share her hymnal.

Many women in Korea learn to read in order to participate in the church services and family worship. Pages are turned down to show which Scripture was read and which hymn was sung at the church service. These are reread at home. The only schooling many women and some men receive is given in the local church. The Bible and simple helps are the textbooks. A New Testament and a hymnal are bought by new believers as soon as they can afford them and they are used.

Books are the tools with which the leaders work. When books are not available they make their own. At first the materials may be mimeographed and later published in a more permanent form.

The Christian Literature Society publishes the International Sunday School lessons in the national language, translates books for Christian leadership and lay use, and publishes books written by local authors. Everywhere the Christian leaders are asking for more books. Those who had books lost them during the war and have been unable to replace them. Books now available are too expensive for the people to buy in the quantity needed.

Books prepared for new adult literates contain useful information as well as being written to meet their reading ability. One handicapped child taught his parents how to prepare seed potatoes for planting after reading these books.

The denominations publish materials for their particular needs. A Department of Publication of the Korean Methodist Church was recently organized. In addition to routine publication of Methodist books and pamphlets this department plans to publish a Bible dictionary and a one-volume commentary.

Missionaries distribute new books and magazines but many people still have no contact with them. Korean chaplains ask for reading material for soldiers. The chaplains say the men are too tired after a day's work to study in groups but if a Christian book is at hand the individual soldier may read it.

The demand for magazines is always greater than the supply. Old as well as young are interested in reading *New Friend*, the magazine published for children. People who live in the city still want to read farm magazines. The *Family Life* magazine has taken on new life since it was taken over by a committee in connection with the family life program of the National Christian Council. One monthly magazine published by the church is for Christian leaders to use as source material and inspiration.

Christian tracts are still given to people who do not take time to listen to the spoken word. The world is fast becoming literate and a literate world is going to read.

department of CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Dear Friends:

In many Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds May is the month when newly elected officers will be installed and begin their work. Some of you will be undertaking your job for the first time. Others will be continuing a rich and rewarding responsibility. In both cases there are important jobs to be done as you look toward the plans and programs of 1959-60. The following suggestions may be worth evaluating:

1. Have your Christian Social Relations Committee appointed or confirmed by your Woman's Society or Guild Executive Committee. Then—

(a) *Call a meeting of your committee.* Invite the outgoing members of the 1958-59 committee to meet with you this first time if you feel that would be helpful. Then you may want to do at least three things at this meeting: (1) Evaluate the Christian Social Relations program of 1958-59. What was done? How effective were your plans? (2) Look at the Christian Social Relations pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN for March, 1959, and *at your letter page* in the Officers' Letter File in this May issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Decide what materials and resources your committee needs. Most local Societies and Guilds include an amount in the Cultivation Fund for the purchase of such resources. (3) Select *one or more* emphases in the area of Christian Social Relations on which your committee feels your Woman's Society or Guild should work. Bring any pertinent and timely recommendations to your Executive Committee or to the entire Society and Guild and get plans and activities under way for 1959-60 as speedily as possible.

(b) Special attention is called to the new *1959-60 Activities Leaflet.** You may wish to order a quantity of these to be used by your committee and to be placed in the hands of all the members of your Executive Committee. This *1959-60 Activities Leaflet* covers *some* of the most timely and urgent issues before us, but *not* all of them! You may find it very helpful to keep before you the *1958-59 Activities Leaflet* also. The 1959-60 activities will include specific emphases on the following: Our Foreign Policy, and the United Nations; Civil Rights; Housing; Education; Alcohol; Immigration; and Migrants. You can readily see the omissions. This makes the pages of your March, 1959, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN more necessary. Give your files or the files of your predecessor a careful look, too.

(c) The next two pages of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN may provide a useful handle for your committee. You will note there are three specific types of TV Viewing Parties suggested. Why not consider the suggestions here as you plan to involve just as many women as possible in your Christian Social Relations program?

(d) The last page of this four-page Christian Social Relations spread brings an interpretation of the "Depressed Areas" pending legislation. You may live in one of the types of communities described on that page! In any case your concerns are for *all the people* of our land. Why not encourage the members of your Society or Guild to study this issue as described under the heading "Technical Assistance Needed in the United States of America—too—"? Write your Congressman and Senators.

(e) Many important issues are pending in this 86th Congress. Some have already been enacted into law or voted down or sidetracked. If you do not already have the copy of *Register Christian Opinion* for the 86th Congress you may wish to order copies at once for the members of your committee. Order from Literature Headquarters. Price 10 cents each. This pamphlet lists all Congressmen and Senators by states, and also gives the names of all members of all committees in the House and in the Senate. Every voting citizen needs this information.

(f) Does your local church have a Commission on Christian Social Relations? (Note especially item 3 in the Christian Social Relations page of the Officers' Letter File in this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

(g) Can you or some member of your committee attend the School of Missions in your Conference? A week of fellowship and study with other women could well provide just the help you need to make your Christian Social Relations program achieve in some greater measure the goals you have set!

Some of you may say that the above suggestions are "too many" and that your committee cannot do all of it! There are some key words to remember: *"Select" those activities that seem most timely and urgent to your own local group —and work at them!*

May God bless and guide each of you as you begin your new year as secretary or chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Sincerely yours,

THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER
THERESSA HOOVER

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More Profit From Your Television

SOMETIMES we say, perhaps slightly on the defensive, that television is educational! Occasionally the friend or neighbor to whom we make such a remark says: "Well, all I want out of mine is a little relaxation and pleasure." Perhaps there is a way to combine the two. Many people have found that TV Viewing Parties do just this.

This kind of a party is very simple to arrange. It is not restricted to any particular time of day and it is naturally a very informal occasion. It is a good opportunity, too, to bring in people that you know slightly and to get better acquainted in a very natural way. All you need to do is to decide which of the TV programs would be a good starting point for a lively and profitable discussion and to decide who is to be invited.

As a suggestion about the kind of programs that might be selected we list three types. You may decide to include the people in your own block, a special circle of friends, or even your Woman's Society circle or Guild in the viewing group. Obviously your group will need to be limited to the number that can see your television comfortably and that will form an easy informal group afterward.

Father Knows Best. Since May is National Family Life Month it is appropriate to think of a TV program that would offer special opportunities for a worthwhile discussion of family life. Many programs might offer this opportunity. This suggestion is being made, however, because "Father Knows Best" was the favorite program of the Methodist women who participated in a limited pilot TV monitoring project conducted by the jurisdiction secretaries at the request of the Department of Christian Social Relations. It is also a good choice because it would be suitable for those who want to make the TV Viewing Party a family affair.

Over the years this program has dealt with many familiar family situations. It has branched out also into such things as the experience of a family trying to make a foreign visitor feel at home. Any one of the themes would be a good lead into a discussion of the values that are important in the family, such as ways to keep the family unified in the face of the diverse appeals of social activities, organizations, school responsibilities, and community life.

Your approach might be to ask at the end of the program whether anyone present has ever faced a similar problem. Since you will have been able to find out ahead of time through the *TV Guide* or other magazines of this type what the current story is to be, you will have had time to think about some similar experience that you or one of your friends has had. You may need to use this experience if no one volunteers to talk immediately. A comparison of what happened in actual cases with the television conclusion could be productive. The discussion could then move on to a consideration of what would really have been the best course of action. Did the parents make mistakes? How would you have handled it? Are there ways in which your community is failing to meet some of its responsibilities regarding problems like these?

Another approach would be to try to decide what makes this family seem so attractive. How nearly do they meet your ideals of family life? What are the chief characteristics of the mother? Of the father? How typical are the children of the ages they portray? From this you might want to begin to draw your own list of the ideal characteristics of family members and the values that are most important in family life. You might even find that at the end of the evening it seemed an attractive idea to repeat the performance and possibly to do some reading on family life to get some possible answers to questions raised. If your group has had a good discussion it will be interesting to ask them what they think of this way of viewing a popular television program.

A News Feature. If you are feeling that we as citizens know too little about what is happening in the world and what our government is doing in relation to it, perhaps you would like to choose one of the news reviews for your TV Viewing Party. The news roundups done by various teams of news commentators from time to time or a panel being interviewed on current affairs would be a good choice. Here a transition to discussion ought to be relatively easy. It is almost certain that one subject discussed will be one on which at least one of your group will have strong opinions.

Perhaps the hardest job will be to make the discussion helpful in bringing out real arguments for and against positions taken rather than one which consists merely of a reiteration of positive opinions with little discussion on the grounds for holding them. If you are having this type of viewing party you will want to do a little preparation ahead of time. Reading the newspaper thoroughly for the week preceding your party will supply you with some information about things that are sure to come into the discussion. If it is possible to get hold of the *Christian Science Monitor* or *The New York Times* they will offer a wealth of information. Even the Sunday "News of the Week in Review" section of *The New York Times* will furnish

wonderful background. Two news weeklies with different points of view will be a wonderful help. It will be helpful, too, to find out what your own and other churches have been saying about these issues. Here THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, *The Christian Century*, and the news service *Contact*,[1] issued by the three social action boards of The Methodist Church, will be of use.

Special Features. If you want to use your TV Viewing Party to promote interest in some special subject you will find many programs devoted to an analysis of some particular issue. For example: Ed Murrow has done excellent hour-long documentaries on India and Burma and there have been excellent nation-wide programs on schools, housing, human rights, and immigration. Your procedure after viewing one of these will be a little easier, especially if you have chosen it with particular needs in mind. If a lack of understanding and interest in foreign affairs is a problem in your community a series of TV Viewing Parties with a mutual recognition that more needs to be known about these subjects might result in such things as a foreign affairs bookshelf and exhibits in your library, or the establishment of a world affairs group.

A TV Viewing Party focused on housing might well lead to some investigation of the local situation. Human rights and schooling both offer interesting possibilities for community follow-up. *In Your Hands* * and *A Christian's Primer of Human Rights* * will be helpful resources. An immigration TV party might lead into a community campaign to make the community aware of the issue and to influence Congressional action on it. In this case *I Lift My Lamp* * would be a good reminder of the facts that you would need as you work on this issue and would provide you with suggestions for action.

Another kind of special broadcast which merits individual attention is those concerned with the United Nations. It would be an interesting experience to see the opening session of the U. N. General Assembly in the fall with a listening party. These sessions are widely broadcast. Also there are several regular U. N. weekly programs available through the major networks and many special features on the U. N. are offered from time to time.

Such parties would offer good opportunity for a discussion of the aims, values, and accomplishments of the United Nations. If you feel that the discussion may leave people wishing that they knew a little more about the U. N., why not get some materials ready for the occasion. Two leaflets—*Your U. N. Worked for Peace*, and *Making the U. N. Part of Family Life*—are available free for postage.* A *Christian's Primer of the United Nations* * is available for 35 cents.

Role of Leader

You may want to do a little thinking about the role that you or someone else will assume as a sort of informal discussion leader. Do not be frightened by the word, however! The best discussion leader is simply one who knows how to help people talk easily and to get as much as possible out of the discussion. You probably have many of the skills of a good discussion leader without even knowing it. If people talk easily with you, you have the first and greatest asset—making them feel at ease and that the things they want to say are worth saying.

The next important thing is to know how to keep the discussion from getting "bogged down." A quick "Well, that's one point of view, but let's try to see what ideas we can find on the other side" will often save a discussion. Questions such as: "Tell us a little bit about *why* you think that?" or the injection of an observation from your reading may be useful at this point.

The third important thing to remember is that some people need help in getting into the discussion. If you find one of these persons in your discussion group think of some way to draw her in naturally such as "You remember what the speaker at the Woman's Society said about that, Mildred. Did you agree with her?" If you do not know of some experience or interest of the silent member which can contribute to the discussion, ask a point-blank question. In any case, do not let her sit in silence while the others talk. Her contribution may be the most helpful one when she is finally induced to make it.

The final thing which you may want to think about is what you would like to see come out of the discussion group. Is it enough just to have had a pleasant afternoon, evening, or even morning? If so, that is relatively simple to achieve. If, however, you have more in mind than this you will want to look for opportunities to achieve results. Perhaps the group might decide to make this a weekly affair, meeting at various homes to see the chosen program.

On the other hand real action or study on a particular issue might come naturally as a plan for continuation of the experience. In case your group decided in favor of more study and action you might find the material prepared for Citizenship Brunches helpful. The *Guide for Citizenship Brunches* * has suggestions. The *Citizenship Place Mats* * would be good conversation pieces on your television trays when time for refreshments comes. *Your Vote Counts If* * would raise important questions about citizenship responsibility. Another valuable resource for such a group is *Register Christian Opinion.*

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[1] (Note: *Contact* is available twice monthly from Publications Office, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C., at a cost of $3.00 per year.)

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Technical Assistance Needed in the U.S., Too

THE PRINCIPLE of teaching people how to help themselves is one of the things which has been most gratifying in the technical assistance program. There is practical good sense in a program that sends experts to discover the factors which limit the economic development of an area as a first step. The second step makes possible the training of the people as well as loans for capital expense involved in the process of correcting the mistakes that had been made in the use of the area resources.

These advantages provide new opportunities and techniques and thereby make the program even more practical. Such a program does not jeopardize individual initiative. It aids in keeping families and even communities together. It substitutes self-help for charity and makes it possible for people who have been living at a subsistence level to improve their economic position. This kind of help has proved valuable in other parts of the world. It now seems that it might be a help to us in the United States.

During the last session of Congress the Area Redevelopment Bill, commonly called the Depressed Areas Bill, was passed by a substantial majority of both Houses. It did not, however, secure the two-thirds majority of votes to override the President's veto. As soon as the present Congress was convened the bill was reintroduced by Senator Douglas and others as Senate Bill 722, and by Representative Spence as H.R.3505.

This bill is in effect a "Point Four" program for the depressed areas of the United States. Its purpose is to enable the areas of our country which face increasing unemployment and lack of economic opportunity to find a way back to prosperity and full employment. The sponsors of the bill, which include organizations and individuals that have devoted considerable time to a study of the program and its possible solutions, feel that few of our depressed areas have the resources to do this job of finding a new way without Federal help. They need assistance most of which they will be able to pay back out of their increased earnings.

Accordingly the bill provides for revolving funds to be used for these purposes. First, they would make possible industrial and rural development. Second, these funds could be used for construction of public facilities in order to give employment to those who need to be "tided over" the time before the new development reaches the stage where it can take up the slack in employment. Third, these funds will permit the development of adequate retraining facilities for those who need new skills to help them to fit into the new kinds of jobs that the area redevelopment will make available.

To make this clearer let's take the example of community X, which formerly depended for employment largely on coal mines. These mines have now reached the point where they can no longer be operated profitably. The unemployment in the community has not affected just the mine workers, however. As unemployment has become general in the mines those who served mine workers in shops, bakeries, and milk companies have felt the effect of the lowered purchasing power. Employees in these trades have been laid off and businesses have closed. This community which has been a one-industry community has some additional complications. Although before the mines developed there was good farming land close to the mines, much of it has been spoiled by the dumping of mine excavations and waste.

One enterprising citizen discovered another problem when he tried to open a small dress factory. Here again the lack of proper regulation of mining which existed in the early history of the mines had made it possible for too much coal to be taken out with no proper supporting structure left. The enterprising factory owner discovered that this undermined land could not support the weight of the machines.

After this fiasco the communities in the area became almost ghost towns. Many people moved away. Those who stayed lived poorly. Public health and other services declined and relief roles climbed.

Such areas are obviously economic drags on the country. Full employment in all parts of the country and expanding industrial development are necessary to the best good of the nation. This area's problems are too difficult for it to meet alone. With such help as can be provided by the Area Redevelopment, however, the community could undertake the major job of correcting the dangerous sinking of its land, cleaning up the mine dumps and discovering the types of industry that can be most profitably established. It could put its citizens to work immediately and later prove its facilities for retraining them for jobs in the new industries. Thus a depressed area could become a prosperous and happy area, contributing to the prosperity of the whole nation.

Because this kind of recovery for blighted areas of many different kinds is important for individuals and for the entire nation, the Woman's Division at its annual meeting in January, 1959, took action supporting the Depressed Areas Bill. Many Methodist women will want to communicate their opinions to their representatives in Congress.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Committee on Spiritual Life
MRS. MARTHA M. HARVEY, *Chairman*

Believing that a deepening and strengthening of our spiritual life will be our greatest help in facing the tensions and problems of living in the atomic age, we recommend:

That each Wesleyan Service Guild exercise the greatest care in selecting the Chairman of Spiritual Life.

That the Spiritual Life Chairman serve *vitally* on the local Committee on Program that she may be sure an interesting and inspiring worship service is planned for each meeting.

That Spiritual Life studies be planned and presented as opportunities for vital experiences in Christian growth with the expectancy that better habits of Christian living and an awakened Christian conscience in the church, the Wesleyan Service Guild, and community will result.

That there be continued emphasis on formation of prayer groups, prayer partners, and increased use of the *Prayer Calendar*.

That Guilds cooperate with the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial and in the interdenominational World Day of Prayer.

That Guild members be encouraged whenever possible to attend a Retreat or at least have A Day Apart.

Committee on Promotion
MRS. CLARENCE JONES, *Acting Chairman*

We recommend that:

The Guild Organization Certificate for new Guilds be of simple design, and include the signature of Woman's Division Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild; that we have 10,000 printed and that they be available for distribution to all new Guilds and to other Guilds when requested. Following the receipt of the registration information for a new Guild the Guild office will notify the jurisdiction secretary who will sign and send the certificate to the conference secretary for signature and presentation to the new Guild.

That a letter to all conference secretaries, requesting proposed changes in report blanks be sent to Mrs. Clarence Jones by September, 1959. These will be coordinated, circulated to the committee and to the Guild office for revision and presented to the standing committee at the January, 1960, meeting.

That some pictorial presentation of quadrennial progress of the Guild be prepared by the Chairman of the Committee on Promotion to be used by Miss Lillian Johnson and members of the standing committee. (Graphs were suggested)

Committee on Supply Work
MRS. PAUL KITZMILLER, *Chairman*

We recommend:

That the following recommendations of 1958 be continued:

(a) That the Secretary of Supply Work of the jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service send a copy of her reports to the Chairman of Supply Work of the Guild Standing Committee.

(b) That the jurisdiction Secretary of the Guild send to the Chairman of Supply Work of the Guild Standing Committee a list of the Askings as broken down for her conferences.

(c) That all Supply Work Chairmen on all levels study the Supply Work *Handbook* and other available materials.

That as soon as possible Chairmen of Supply Work be secured on all levels, and that they be used as resource persons—to learn about the Supply Work Askings—and thus be able to channel information. (Not information about amounts of money, and so on, but information to make the places and people come alive for the Guild members.)

That the Supply Work Askings be broken down by the jurisdiction secretaries and sent out as early as possible, and not later than June 1 to conferences and districts.

That Guild units be encouraged to meet their Supply Work Askings *in full* before giving to undesignated Supply Work or *other projects monies*. However, we suggest that when there is a surplus financially it can be channeled to undesignated appropriations.

Committee on Christian Social Relations
MISS RUTH FOY, *Chairman*

We recommend:

1. That the 1959 Coaching Conferences use appropriate materials and techniques as instituted in work discussion groups at the Industrial Relations Conference which was held in Cincinnati, October 29 to November 3, 1958.

2. That we incorporate into the program of the Wesleyan Service Guild the recommendations presented by the Department of Christian Social Relations and

voted by the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls, January, 1959.

3. That we immediately concentrate on the promotion of the Wesleyan Service Guild United Nations Seminar which will be held in New York, March 28-30; getting out the information to conference secretaries as quickly as possible.

Committee on Status of Women

MRS. JUANITA HILL, *Chairman*

We recommend:

That the study of Womanpower and the utilization of time and talent in the church be continued.

That women become familiar with the work of commissions and committees in the local church, especially those where women are designated as members.

Committee on Missionary Education and Service

DR. LOUISE BRANSCOMB, *Chairman*

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Chairman of Missionary Education and Service continue to encourage and promote mission study classes remembering the great importance of including as many women as possible in these studies. The quality of the study done is also vital and chairmen should encourage study for Jurisdiction Credit where such study is practical.

2. That the Chairman of Missionary Education and Service stimulate interest in and knowledge of our missions not only in the Guild but throughout the local church. Suggestions for doing this are:

(a) Place books pertaining to missions in the church library and by posters, announcements in the church bulletin and by other means push their circulation, especially among children and young people. If there is no church library, or if it is not active, establishing or promoting the library might be an excellent project for a Wesleyan Service Guild member.

(b) Without acting as instigator use every means possible to encourage the church in having a church-wide mission study and cooperate in putting it on.

(c) During the next year there will appear from time to time in THE METHODIST WOMAN a page devoted to Mission News or promotion material on Missionary Education. This will be printed in a manner that will make it suitable for posting on a bulletin board. It is suggested that this be displayed at the Guild meeting place, or where it will be seen by church school or other church groups.

Emphasis and Theme

The emphasis for the year 1959-1960 will be on recruitment.

It was decided that the alternative theme for Guild Weekend 1960 be "The Challenge of Our Tasks to Face," from hymn number 121 in *The Methodist Hymnal.*

Guild Members Commissioned

Commissioned at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions at The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, January 23, 1959, were the following missionaries and deaconesses associated with the Wesleyan Service Guild:

Miss Barbara Ann Cook, DeKalb, Illinois, deaconess, Rural Church and Community Work, Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas, member of the Wesleyan Service Guild at Pharr Methodist Church, a unit which was named for her.

Miss Genevieve Modena Horton, Redlands, California, deaconess, honorary member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, La Mesa, California.

Miss Mary Joyce Horton, Columbus, Georgia, deaconess, Rural Church and Community Work, Magnolia, Arkansas, former member of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Vineville Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia.

Miss Doretta Ann Fuhs, Elkton, South Dakota, missionary to Brazil, member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Huron, South Dakota.

Miss Blanche E. Garrison, Weirton, West Virginia, missionary to Latin America, member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Weirton, West Virginia.

Miss Eugenia N. Savage, reinstated missionary to Southeast Asia, member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Oceanside Methodist Church, Oceanside, California.

Pictures of these newly commissioned missionaries and deaconesses appeared on pages 26-27 of the April issue. Post the pictures on a bulletin board or display the picture spread at your Guild meeting. Also display pages 26, 27 of this issue.

New Guild in Congo

"As our girls enter the public life, we are trying to follow them with the service of the church. Last month we organized our first Wesleyan Service Guild. The members include teachers, assistant nurses, and a secretary. In addition to the initial meeting, we had one other meeting, and are now planning a very special Christmas program. I should like to ask all of you members of the Guild at home to pray especially for the African businesswomen and girls as you meet from time to time. There is power in their hands."

LORENA KELLY

STORY OF A MISSIONARY

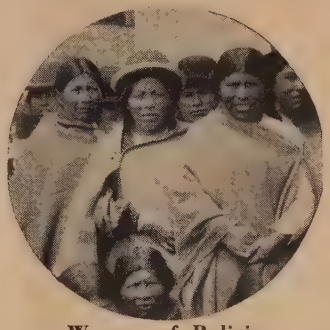
The Hollywood-produced film *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*, starring Ingrid Bergman, brings to the commercial theatres an admirable portrayal of a missionary. Says Dr. S. Franklin Mack, Executive Director of the BFC, "We are planning to give the same promotion through the Councils of Churches to *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* that we gave to *A Man Called Peter.*

In South America

by LILLIAN A. JOHNSON

ON THE article on my trip to Africa in the March issue, I promised to tell you something about the visit in South America. It was just as marvelous an experience as the Africa part of the trip. I visited the work of the Woman's Division and the Division of World Missions in Rio de Janerio and Sao Paulo in Brazil, Salto and Montevideo in Uruguay, Buenos Aires in Argentina, Cochamamba, Sucre, La Paz and Ancoraimes in Bolivia, and Lima in Peru. It is really surprising how much one can crowd into a month and yet not feel too rushed. The missionaries were so wonderful about entertaining and showing the work that you never felt a burden to them, even though you knew they were very busy.

Since space is limited, I shall confine myself particularly to Guild interests. In Sao Paulo, Rosalie Jenkins, who was a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild before she became a missionary, entertained me and arranged my schedule. Josephine Laskey, former secretary of Northeast Ohio Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was my hostess at the Crandon Institute in Montevideo. Both there and in Sao Paulo I was asked to talk about the Guild to groups of business and professional women. In Montevideo, the established Guild was included. Some of the members of this group were concerned about not reaching the younger women and were quite enthusiastic about the plan some of our Guilds have followed of starting new units for young women when necessary. In Argentina, Mrs. B. Foster Stockwell in the Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires had arranged a lovely tea for professional women, and here again I was asked to tell about the Guild. I also met with the



Women of Bolivia

Guild group at First Methodist Church in Buenos Aires.

Always there were questions and good discussion, in spite of language handicaps. You will be interested to know that Violeta Cavallero acted as interpreter in Montevideo. Many of the problems were the same as ours, and many of the groups thought these problems were theirs alone and not like anyone else's!

In La Paz, Mrs. R. H. McAden, also a former Guild member, acted as interpreter when I met with a Woman's Society in La Paz. They were deeply concerned about the working women with children, most of whom were widows, who could not attend the Woman's Society meetings. We talked about possibilities in timing and program for these women.

At Salto, in Uruguay, Lois Finke, also a former Guild member, is the director of a new school in the Crandon pattern. It was most interesting to see that school and hear of its development. The work in all the places I visited was most thrilling to see. In some places it is moving along quickly; in other places slowly and ploddingly. But everywhere you feel that the spirit of Christ is a moving force. And everywhere there is the need for more workers. Here, as in Africa, the hope was that somehow we could help Guild members see the urgency of our work and hear the call for workers.

SIDELINES

● Mrs. E. V. Ennis, Secretary of Southeastern Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild appeared in the Edward Murrow television presentation, "The Lost Class of '59," which originated in Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Ennis has been active in the recent struggle for school integration in Norfolk.

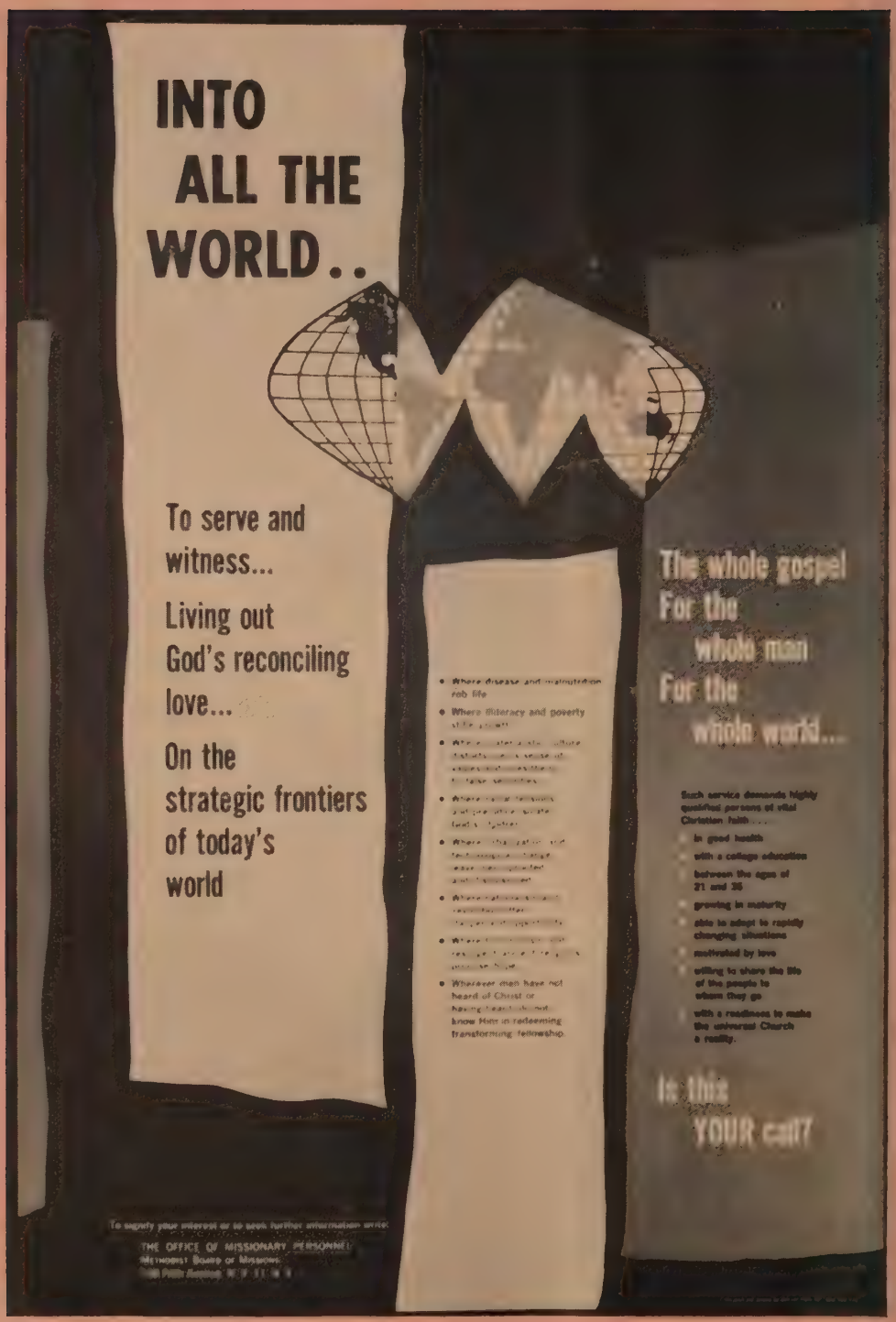
● Two enthusiastic reports have been received concerning Guild month activities. One from the Miriam Holler and Madeline Willis Guild units of the First Methodist Church in Laurens, South Carolina, was sent by Mrs. G. B. Patterson, president of the Miriam Holler Guild. The two units held a stimulating joint meeting with the Woman's Society of Christian Service as their special Guild month project. The other report came from Mrs. G. F. Bunt, president of the Guild of the Wichita Avenue Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. As a climax to Guild month they introduced the study of Isaiah, and presented to the past president some water from the Jordan River for use in the baptism of her grandson.

● A new Wesleyan Service Guild was organized recently at the Southwood Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Sorry for Error

● In the February issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, page 40, you have an article under "Outstanding Activities" regarding My World Bank giving from the St. Mark's Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama. The figure reported is $24.45 from 29 members and I am sure you will agree that would not have been worth mentioning. This must have been a typographical error. Actually our World Bank contribution was $248.45. Our 29 members are most generous, not only in World Bank giving, but all missions, and our record is outstanding throughout the North Alabama Conference.

MRS. JULIA C. LOONEY, *Treasurer*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Is this YOUR call?
THE OFFICE OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

This poster is available in color from the office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York

100 Special Term Workers . . .

In 1959 The Methodist Church is once again seeking 100 young adults to serve as special-term missionaries at home and overseas. Here is what will be expected of them:

To witness and serve—

- **where disease and malnutrition rob life.**
- **where illiteracy, poverty and ignorance stifle growth.**
- **where drastic change leaves men uprooted and disillusioned.**
- **where families are broken and children are without homes and love.**
- **where leadership potential lies dormant.**
- **where racial tensions and prejudice breed hate and suspicion.**
- **where revolution and nationalism offer danger and opportunity.**
- **where secularism, communism, and resurgent ancient religions promise hope and security.**
- **wherever men have not heard of Jesus Christ or, having heard, do not know Him in redeeming, transforming fellowship.**

The qualifications are the same for special-term service at home and overseas:

- **Between the ages of 21 and 28**
- **College graduates**
- **Unmarried and willing to remain so during the period of service**
- **Good physical, mental, and emotional health**
- **A meaningful Christian faith which one is eager to communicate**
- **Each special termer receives six weeks of training before going to his or her place of work**

Recruitment of special-term missionaries (and of all Methodist missionaries) channels through the Office of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Specifically, the 100 special termers will teach, preach, heal, and witness in the United States including Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and twenty-seven countries of Asia, Africa, North America, and South America. The 100 persons that are needed are subdivided into the following groups:

Fifty men and women to serve in the United States and Puerto Rico for two or three years.

Twenty-five young women to serve overseas for three years.

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The group who will serve at home are known as U.S.-2's and those overseas as 3's. Together they will form the Fellowship of Christian Service for 1959.

Concerning U.S.-2 service, the statement is made: "Whether the task assigned leads into a mission school, a children's home, a hospital, a community center, or into some phase of the rural church and community program, the demand is the same—that Christ's love be demonstrated and glorified through thought, word and deed."

The vocational openings for special-term missionaries overseas grow every year and have prompted the comment, "It sometimes seems you can do almost any job on the mission field today." In 1959 the job openings for overseas include the following:

Teachers—elementary, secondary, music, home economics, religion, physical education; nurses, directors of Christian education, laboratory technicians, pharmicists, dietitians, social workers, librarians, boys' counselors, dormitory directors, adult education workers, agriculturalists, and workers with college students.

CIRCLES *Worship and Program Suggestions*

JUNE—A MONTH OF COMMENCEMENT

by MAUDE WHITE HARDIE

Commencement for Students

LEADER: June is a month of "commencements." Most of us are doubtlessly preparing for someone's graduation—in our own family or that of a friend or neighbor. Graduation is a real commencement for students of all ages, and one that holds a thrilling challenge for the future.

There is a hymn in *The Methodist Hymnal* which gives this sense of eager anticipation for days ahead. Let us sing (or read together) "O Master Workman of the Race," noting especially the third stanza.

HYMN: "O Master Workman of the Race" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No, 118)

LEADER: One section in *The Methodist Hymnal,* which we probably use less frequently than the others, is the collection of hymns for "Schools and Colleges" *(see Topical Index, p. 673, for list of these hymns).* During this quadrennium when higher education is one of the emphases, it is well for us to give more frequent thought to our students. Dr. Frank Mason North's hymn, "The World's Astir!" is a beautiful poem. It has a message for our young people at commencement time, and for us —their parents, teachers, and fellow church members.

HYMN: "The World's Astir" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 562)

PRAYER: "Prayer for the Vision of God, (*The Methodist Hymnal,* page 509); and "Prayer for God's Continual Help" (page 513)

DISCUSSION *(Members might mention the names of boys and girls, of all ages, who are graduating this year. Some special recognition of them might be made, or plans discussed for future special recognition. Also plan for cooperation in Methodist Student Day—the second Sunday in June.)*

Commencement for Vacations

LEADER: June is for many families a month of commencement for vacation plans. Some of our children will be going away to camp —many of our youth to summer jobs or vacations. We ourselves may have a sense of a new sort of freedom from the usual routine. It will be easy to make this a selfish freedom, forgetting the church, the church school, and the program of the Woman's Society. A change is good for us all, but it does not need to be at the expense of our obligations as Christians.

DISCUSSION *(of ways in which a vacation may be positive rather than negative, and of the extent and manner of carrying on the program of the church and its organizations during the vacation period.)*

Commencement for the Church

LEADER: There is another way in which we may think of June as a commencement time. In the calendar of the Christian Church, Whitsunday, or Pentecost, comes fifty days after Easter. This year it is May 17. This celebration is associated with the beginning of the early Church and is sometimes called the "Birthday of the Church." Less familiar to us is the fact that Pentecost was a Hebrew festival for centuries before Christianity. The responsive reading in our hymnal for Pentecost is from the second chapter of the prophecy of Joel, and is suggestive of the spirit of the early Hebrew observance.

RESPONSIVE READING: Whitsunday (Pentecost), First Reading (*The Methodist Hymnal,* page 631)

TALK: Pentecost as a Hebrew Festival

(*For information see* Harper's Bible Dictionary, *Harper & Brothers, p. 536;* The Abingdon Bible Commentary, *Abingdon-Cokesbury Press; ask your pastor for material.*)

TALK: Pentecost as a Christian Festival

(*For the first Christian Pentecost read Acts 2; see also* The Story of the Christian Year, *by George M. Gibson, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, pp. 82-83; and* The Abingdon Bible Commentary.)

DISCUSSION-STUDY *(A study of hymns in* The Methodist Hymnal *dealing with "The Holy Spirit," numbers 172-183, would be a rewarding experience. Each person should have a copy of the hymnal in her hands; the women could comment on the dates, authors, and phrases bearing on Pentecost in each hymn. A pianist might then play the music softly while the group silently follows the words.)*

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No.12)

BENEDICTION:

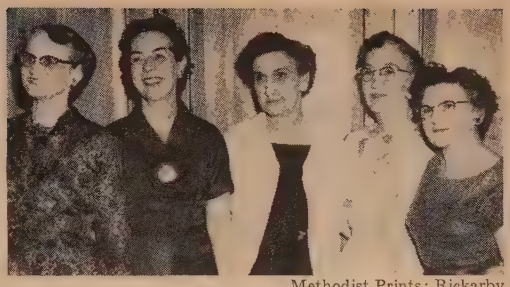
"Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love. Amen."[1]

[1] George Croly, *The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 179, first stanza.

QUIZ

1. List qualifications for short-term worker.
2. State purpose of MYF.
3. What is a coordinator?
4. Name a Methodist-sponsored movie.
5. New status. What? Who?
6. Dr. Rebecca Parrish started _____?
7. Areas of concern in education.
8. Name five men workers.
9. "Evangelism is always the keynote _____." Explain.
10. A Woman's Society in the news.
11. An important conference in 1960. What?
12. What was the hope in South America?

President



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Dear President:

The story is told of actors being listless and uninterested in a play they were rehearsing. The producer learned that each had his own lines, but none had seen the entire script. When they discovered what the drama was all about, the play took on new life. We need to know what our total program is all about if we are to interpret it to others.

We pray, "Thy Kingdom Come." In the *Prayer Calendar* we see the names of those giving dedicated service in the world mission of the church. From day to day we turn our thoughts in prayer to centers of work at home and overseas. Some of us visit the projects and meet with missionaries and leading Christians in other countries. We see the work in communities and institutions in our own land. When we read about these later in the *19th Annual Report*, THE METHODIST WOMAN or WORLD OUTLOOK, they "come alive again" because of personal experience.

Our entire faith is centered around the life of a Person and His revelation of God as "our Father." Do we see Him in all that we do? In a mission center in Africa (Chicuque) a group of local leaders presented a "family bowl" to the President of the Woman's Division saying, "We are all one family." As we had shared with them the bread of life, this gift was a symbol that they had joined in sharing with others as God's children. Truly, evangelism is our mission.

People have hungers which cannot be satisfied by bread alone. Governments are recognizing the demands for education but as one of our bishops says, "The 'know how' is best expressed in the line of a hymn: 'And preach thee, too, as love knows how'—it is the 'know how' of God's love which is important in education. This, too, is our mission."

Women are involved in the many revolutions sweeping the world. They are participating as leaders in political life, professional work, and other lines of development. In this country we are facing adjustment of schedules and activities in the church and Woman's Society, because of women's work outside the home.

We, too, have moving populations. Our youth will not be confined to one school or community or state. Artificial walls and barriers are no longer protective or even separative. In today's world the farthest spot geographically is only hours away from a jet airport. Ideas are exchanged in minutes and they are not always interpreted by the receivers as intended by the senders. Mature Christians are needed, strong in faith, rich in understanding, sacrificial in love, and dedicated in purpose. There is no other answer to the problem of insecurity.

Our organization is an ever-widening fellowship. It provides resources for mental and spiritual enrichment through study, worship, and service. It offers channels of giving and opportunities for sharing with others.

Presidents carry great responsibility for the effectiveness of the work of each Society and Guild. Much depends on happy personal relationships within the organization, and in its relationships in church and community. There is need also for comprehensive knowledge of the program and various lines of work. The office should not be assumed as "a job that somebody has to do" but as a challenge to fulfill God's purpose according to our prayer, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

Think of us all together, approximately 40,000 presidents of local, district, conference, and jurisdiction Woman's Societies and Guilds. Let us keep our togetherness in devoted endeavor and in humble, prayerful concern for each other as we try to extend the church's mission and demonstrate our Christian witness.

Sincerely yours,

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Vice-President

Dear Vice-President:

As we enter a new program year in the Woman's Society we are challenged by the immensity of our task, thrilled with the great opportunities before us, and stimulated by the great responsibilities which are ours. The church must be the leaven in the world community if problems are to be solved. As Christians, as church members, as members of the Woman's Society we must become conscious of the problems of the world and of our immediate community, and work for a Christian solution.

What's New? What's News?

A program should be more than "sweetness and light." It should have substance, be thought provoking, and result in action concerning some of the problems of the day, such as:

- Over 700 million people, mostly of color, have gained their political independence within the last fifteen years, largely the result of a century of missionary teaching concerning the grace of God and the dignity of man. What will they do with it? This is the greatest missionary opportunity of centuries.
- The racial tensions, the power struggle of nations are all a part of the rise of world-wide materialism and secularism. What does Christianity have to say? How can we in our Society put spirituality at the center of all we do and think?
- The resurgence of the old religions, as Buddhism, Hinduism, and Moslemism, is not just a challenge to Christianity in other lands, but these revitalized religions are making great inroads into the thinking of our intellectuals in America.
- Almost 40,000 students from other countries, many of whom are not Christians, are on our college campuses today.

Our first duty as a vice-president is to assist in promoting the interests of the Society and to help challenge women with the opportunity and responsibility of being a Christian. This means we must strengthen our program presentations.

Something New

And what an opportunity we have in this new program year! If we can really challenge the women of our Society with Christian living in all its aspects, we'll have good attendance at monthly meetings, study classes, and circle meetings.

The new *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet,* "There's a Light Upon the Mountains," will give help each month in planning the monthly programs. In addition—and this is what's really new—it will give us a circle program, which may be used also by Societies without circles as an alternate program. These programs should always be enriched by material from THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and other literature. Visual aids, panels, role playing, and resource persons should be used to add timeliness and pertinence to the local situation.

The Committee on Program meeting at the beginning of the year should co-ordinate all the programs—monthly, circle, special days, and study classes—into a unified whole so that each will supplement the others. Responsibility for each part of the Society's program should be delegated to a chairman and her committee, in order to give each member an active part in some meeting during the year, and so that variety will be given to the programs.

Now 46 Units

The women of Ceylon have become the forty-sixth unit in the World Federation of Methodist Women—a Christian fellowship of eight and one-half million women.

We need to let our women know of the great Christian concerns of Methodist women around the world. This may be done through five-minute presentations, using a prayer or a story of the work of women in another unit abroad or in our own country, or by a longer presentation at the monthly meeting or in each circle or at a World Federation of Methodist Women luncheon or banquet. (Material may be obtained from THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, *Handbook of the World Federation of Methodist Women,* and other literature.)

A blessed year to you,

Frances Nall

Mrs. T. Otto Nall

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Recording Secretary

Dear Recording Secretary:

June is the beginning of a new year in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Beginnings are always exciting and especially when they mean opportunities for service.

If you are a new secretary, I welcome you to the circle of scribes. This group performs interesting and worthwhile tasks. You will find your duties clearly state on page 7 of *A Guide*. Those serving for a second term will begin the year with understanding and competence gained through experience on the job. Though the work is not as easy as saying your ABC's, yet an alphabetical listing of the major points may help to keep them in mind. Duties and qualifications are both included in the listing.

Accurately record all actions. Ask movers to write out motions.

Be brief but clear in writing minutes.

Collect items and act as custodian for all official papers and records.

Do record disposition of all recommendations.

Equip yourself for efficiency at every meeting.

File all committee reports with minutes.

Go over (review) basic rules of grammar, if necessary.

Have historical perspective. Minutes constitute the official history.

Inspire others by your interest. A bored looking secretary can cast a spell over a meeting.

Just remember joy is contagious.

Know duties, constitution and bylaws, and total scope and program of Woman's Society work.

Learn to write a legible longhand.

Maintain up-to-date membership roll.

Notify new officers of their election and members of committee appointments.

Organize work in neat and orderly fashion.

Present agenda items to president, keep her posted and help her in parliamentary procedure.

Qualify as efficiency expert by doing work quietly and quickly. That is, do not make a big production out of routine matters or when asked to do something extra.

Rewrite minutes before they get cold; record date, time, place, type of meeting: regular, called, executive, monthly, annual; name of presiding officer, summary of discussions, actions, committee reports, program participants, attendance.

Send notices of meetings promptly; see that publicity is adequate.

Time yourself. Never be tardy. Be time-conscious.

Use discretion when unexpected things happen. Be understanding.

Vow to improve vocabulary and voice—one for writing interesting minutes, the other for reading in clear, pleasing tones.

Write notes of appreciation, sympathy, get-well wishes.

X-tra duties require time and energy in this

Year-round yeoman service, but keep your

Zeal for the work.

Sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

Left to right: **Mrs. Alice C. Williams, disbursing officer; Miss Hazel M. Best, assistant treasurer, Department of Work in Foreign Fields; Miss Beverley C. Berry, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Porter Brown, treasurer; Miss Marguerite Hawkins, assistant treasurer, Department of Work in Home Fields.**

Dear Treasurer:

What shall I say to you in my first treasurer's letter in THE METHODIST WOMAN? I want first to tell you how grateful I am for the warm friendship and the cooperation which I have received from the conference and the jurisdiction treasurers. This has been a joy and it gives me confidence to believe that as we work together we can go on to bigger and better things for the Woman's Division.

Some new treasurers have just taken office. Perhaps you are a little uncertain about what is expected of you. Don't worry about that. Everybody has the same misgivings when they come to new jobs. You are no exception. You and I can learn together.

The treasurer of the Woman's Society has well defined responsibilities. She is expected to keep accurate and up-to-date records of all financial proceedings. She is expected to see that her books are audited annually and that the audited report is presented to the Woman's Society. She receives and expends all monies as ordered by the Society.

There are certain well-defined procedures about the handling of money and making reports which the treasurer should know. This information may be found in the *Handbook for the Treasurer*. If you do not have the *Handbook*, you may secure it from Literature Headquarters.

In addition to the mechanics of the treasurer's office, there are other contributions which the treasurer can make. She will know the program of the Woman's Society at home and around the world. When Mrs. Smith asks where her money goes, Mrs. Treasurer will be able to tell her with pride what Methodist women are doing to bring physical, mental, and spiritual good health to women and children in a world where, without their dollars, there would be more disease, ignorance, and despair.

The treasurer's job is a proud one for she is the channel through whom the women of her church can express their love and concern for people in need wherever they may be. These women may not have the skills of the physician or the nurse or the teacher. They may have responsibilities of home and family which occupy their lives. But they may also have a desire to share in the way that they can. To satisfy that desire they give their money to further the gospel of Christ around the world, with an assurance that it will be carefully handled and well used. The treasurer makes that possible.

The treasurer, through her interpretation of all avenues of giving: Pledge, Special Memberships, Lenten Offering, Thank Offering, the Christmas Offering, the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Crusade Scholarships, and Cash for Supply Work obtains a double result—joy for the giver and funds for the Woman's Division to meet its varied needs.

You, as treasurer, have a responsibility for promoting the gifts of Annuities and Bequests in your local Society. If there are those in your group who want to make an investment which is sound for present income and yet is a means of extending their influence into the years ahead, ask them to write to the Woman's Division about the Annuity Plan. We shall be glad to send the new booklet *Dedicated Dollars* to any such person. Perhaps there is somebody in your church who would like to remember the Woman's Division in her will. We should be happy to help her make such a bequest in just the form that she would want and that would assure her wishes being carried out with a minimum of loss in time and money. Ask her to write to us.

Cordially yours,

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Christian Social Relations

Staff members of the Department of Christian Social Relations are (*left to right*): Mrs. C. A. Bender, Miss Theressa Hoover, associate secretaries; Miss Thelma Stevens, executive secretary.

Dear Secretary:

Another official year for Methodist women dawns—on the "same" strife-torn world! The urgency with which we must face our task this year cannot be measured by any ready-made "blue print" or long-range "calendar." Instead, as leaders seeking to be Christian, we have the simple but difficult responsibility of acquainting ourselves with some of the major issues and needs in our nation and world. This means making use of resources and experiences that will help us understand not only how we can work more effectively ourselves but, also, how we can enlist other women from our Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds in a program to meet the needs in our community, our nation, and our world.

In this brief letter only a few general suggestions can be made.

1. The March, 1959, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN contains a four-page summary of some of the important matters recommended by the Woman's Division for emphasis during this year (1959-60). Almost every local committee member is a subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN, *of course,* and therefore will be familiar with these pages. It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend *one or more of the emphases on these pages, or other related concerns that may be of great importance to your local group,* to the Society or Guild for study and follow-up action.

2. There are a few essential resources which every secretary, chairman, and committee should have. These essentials include *the Handbook for the Department of Christian Social Relations* (price 35 cents), *Activities for 1959-60* (free for postage), and THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. In addition every committee will need other resources. Note especially the suggested resources in the *Handbook* and those listed regularly on the Christian Social Relations pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

3. It is more important than ever before for Christian Social Relations secretaries and chairmen to work wholeheartedly in the local church program of Christian Social Relations. This means being an active member of the Local Church Commission on Christian Social Relations or its several committees on World Peace, Temperance, and Social and Economic Relations. The *new joint mailing service of the three general boards* (World Peace, Temperance, and Social and Economic Relations) is called *Contact* and is available twice each month for $3.00 per year. *You* certainly will want to subscribe for it and publicize it among other members of your local church commission. Order from: 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

4. For the most effective social education and action program in your church and community there is great need to work with groups having similar interests in other denominations. This will mean in many cases working through local Councils of United Church Women, or local Councils of Churches.

5. *Community agencies* of many types need the cooperation of the churches. You and your committee can give real leadership at this point. One especially helpful tool along with all the above suggestions is the *Community Guide*—"In Your Hands."

Finally in this officer's letter may we present this summary of *your job?* It has been suggested that you *inform yourselves* in order to *enlist others;* that you *select carefully the issues and needs* on which you determine to work; that you *secure needed resources;* that you *participate in the church-wide Christian Social Relations program;* and that you *cooperate with other church groups and community agencies.*

Sincerely yours,

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Education and Cultivation

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Membership

The organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is one of the responsibilities of the Section of Education and Cultivation. An important factor in any organization is its membership. And this is certainly true in the Woman's Society.

Membership is people—and people join groups for many different reasons. The reasons for joining do not always coincide with the expressed purpose of the organization. Women may join the same Woman's Society for many different reasons, and the reasons may not always follow either the purpose or the offerings of the Society. For example, a woman may join because she likes the opportunity of meeting with the women of that Society. Though she may resist all efforts to get her to participate in any of the activities or studies, yet she does attend because she likes to socialize with these certain women.

There are women with many differing interests in most of our Woman's Societies. That is one of the features that makes membership in it interesting. And yet, if the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is clearly stated, it may appeal strongly to some woman who joined, not realizing all that was involved in membership. The tasks performed because she is a member may not be in accord with her desires, and yet results may elicit feelings of accomplishment. Thus her attitudes may be changed.

Being a member of the Woman's Society should be an experience in growth for every woman. She should gain new insights into the conditions in her community and her responsibility for changing them. She should learn that her world is ever-expanding with more interesting facets than she ever dreamed it had.

As a member of the Woman's Society, she should become personally involved in the mission of the church and her part in the accomplishment of the program. When members understand the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, when the programs are related to the purpose, and when there is an honest attempt to work for the fulfillment of the purpose, then the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will feel involved and will work hard to accomplish what has been set as a goal. Then we will witness the Spirit of Christ for all of life.

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Promotion

Dear Secretary:

Within the last couple of days I have been asked several times, "What do you mean by promotion?" Have you answered that question recently? It is really something to think through in terms of our job as Secretaries of Promotion. Think about it. Part of the answer will be found in spelling out some of the responsibilities.

Because the Secretary of Promotion assists the president in advancing the total program of the Society, it is her privilege to help each member understand the wide implication in the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This is an exciting part of her responsibility. What would happen if every member of every Woman's Society took seriously her part in bringing this purpose to full reality?

Recently a young pastor of a new church in a growing community said in our dinner conversation, "The women of our church say that the Woman's Society is the greatest thing that ever happened to them." What do the members of your Society say about your group? You share the task of reaching new members and offering them varied interests for richer, fuller living. Is the Committee on Membership active in your Society?

The Secretary of Promotion, along with other officers, must keep informed about the work of the Woman's Society, the needs of mission fields, and the local church. This is true of all officers but especially of those who serve on the Committee on Finance. Plans for financial promotion must be thought through carefully. Women respond to opportunities for service and accept obligations as part of Christian stewardship when they know the need.

Responsibility comes to the Secretary of Promotion as a member of the Committee on Local Church Activities. The contribution which the planning of this group makes can mean a real difference in the total life of the church. It does make a difference whether a sense of fellowship is real. It does make a difference whether one feels at home, or lonely. It does make a difference whether the Woman's Society and the pastor share in plans for making the local church a vital part of the community. Are you helping this committee to find its place in your Society?

The use of audio-visual materials is frequently the means of stimulating an interest in the work of the Woman's Society. The Secretary of Promotion may give guidance concerning audio-visual materials which are available. Because she has responsibility in reporting about films, filmstrips, and other tools in this category, she should share in evaluating what they have meant in the Society over a given period.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has field workers who are well informed concerning all phases of the organization and work of the Woman's Division. The Secretary of Promotion should consider ways of making their services available to every Society.

Reports are a measurement of progress and accurate reports from the Secretary of Promotion are essential. She sets a good example by reporting regularly herself and encouraging all other officers to do so.

It is to be expected that women who are gainfully employed will consider opportunities of service through the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Secretary of Promotion of the Woman's Society should work in close cooperation with the Secretary of Promotion of the Wesleyan Service Guild. In this way every woman should be reached with the opportunity of finding the highest expression of participation in the women's activities according to her skills and desires.

These are only a limited number of the opportunities and duties in the job which you have assumed as Secretary of Promotion. Others will emerge as you grow from one experience to another. Some are carefully described in the *Handbook* for Secretaries of Promotion and *A Guide* for the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Systematic reading of THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, leaflets of the Woman's Division, and similar resources will provide both information and enrichment.

My best wishes are with you. May we go forward together committing ourselves "to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world."

Sincerely yours,

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Missionary Education and Service

Dear Secretary:

Welcome to each new Secretary of Missionary Education in every local, district, and conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and thanks to everyone who is continuing to give leadership in Missionary Education. More has been accomplished than can be measured.

In the next issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN we hope to present prints and word pictures which will help you grasp the opportunities for study during 1959-60. Seven years ago I wrote you about a projected study of Africa. Now we come again to Africa, but what a different study. How Africa has changed and is changing! The story is told in George Wayland Carpenter's book, *The Way in Africa,* and in *Africa Disturbed* by Dr. and Mrs. Emory Ross.

The first book traces the historic roots of the continent with particular attention to the early influence of missions and delineates the struggles of the people as they try to choose between political and religious forces that compete for their loyalty. In the second the Africans speak for themselves with their understanding friends, Dr. and Mrs. Ross, revealing their hopes, fears, perplexities, and resentments.

The text for *The Church's Mission in Town and Country* will hold your interest from beginning to end. Dr. Rockwell Smith will call things to your attention in *People, Land, and Churches* which may never have occured to you but for his penetrating analyses. Mr. Bockelman in his fine collection of church case studies pinpoints the witness being made by Christian congregations in farming communities and small towns.

And what adult who is at all aware of power politics is not concerned to know where the struggle within and between nations will ultimately lead us and what we can do together to prevent the destruction which threatens every nation? Who of us does not feel that the United Nations is the best political instrument through which we can work for world understanding and peace? Many of us strongly desire to know more of how the organization works and something of achievements; therefore after a lapse of eleven years we turn again to the theme, *The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs.*

It would be perilous indeed during this time of upheaval, and indeed at any time, to depend on our own wisdom and strength alone in seeking to resolve the dilemma in which we find ourselves. Unless we are motivated by the love of God as revealed in Jesus the Christ, the outlook is grim indeed. If we can come close enough to His life and spirit to get understanding and guidance, there is hope—undefeatable hope. Therefore we turn for a more sustained study of His birth, life, death, resurrection to the Gentile physician, Luke, hoping to become aware as never before that unto us who are reconciled to God by Jesus Christ is given the word of reconciliation. Dr. Laymon's text, *Luke's Portrait of Christ,* is designed to increase our understanding of the Gospel.

Cooperate to the fullest with your church in the study, "Medical Missions Around the World." Dr. and Mrs. Brewster recently returned from Sarawak, one of the four Lands of Decision. You will not want your church to miss their book, *The Church and Medical Missions.*

If you do not already have the *Nineteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service,* "Mission and Witness," I hope you will order one from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio (price, $1.00). Also, order the 1959-60 *Catalog of Literature* (free), *Handbook—Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service,* 1956-1960 (35 cents), *Do You Know? Work of the Foreign Department* (35 cents), *Do You Know? Work of the Home Department* (35 cents), "Ways of Conducting Study Classes" (free), "Questions and Answers on Missionary Education" (free) and "Study and Action—1959-60." I hope you are reading every issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK and that you have studied carefully the 1959-60 *Program Book,* "There's a Light Upon the Mountains," and will gladly give all the time necessary to the Committee on Program in planning challenging meetings.

Keep Missionary Education and Service on the march in your Society. In addition to stimulating programs and provocative, satisfying study classes, encourage individual reading.

Cordially yours,

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Student Work

Dear Secretary:

"Where Does God Speak and Act Today?" This is the question which the Methodist Student Commission wants each local and state Methodist Student Movement unit to study and explore this coming year as a part of the *Life and Mission of the Church* emphasis of the World's Student Christian Federation. Do we as Secretaries of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have an answer to share?

Students will be the leaders of tomorrow. They will be the missionaries, the mothers of future generations, the political leaders. Will they go through their four years of college and never be confronted with God's revelation to the world through Jesus Christ, the Church, and the Holy Spirit? You have the opportunity and the responsibility through friendship to see that they meet this challenge. Where do we begin?

1. God Speaks and Acts Through the Bible

We suggest a small group for Bible study on Luke-Acts. Dr. James K. Mathews, associate general secretary of the Division of World Missions, has written a new study book on Luke-Acts, published by the Methodist Student Movement. As a Secretary of Student Work you might suggest to the student director on the campus that each Bible study group include students from overseas. This would help the students gain new insights and enrich their background of understanding the Life and Mission of the Church.

2. God Speaks and Acts in Many Places in the World

Sometimes the students from overseas are disillusioned by the superficiality of American culture, particularly on the campus. Overseas students would appreciate a devotional study where they have a contribution to make. It would be helpful for the American students to realize God speaks and acts through people of many cultures. (WORLD OUTLOOK, February, 1959, page 32.)

3. God Speaks and Acts Through Church Conferences

The Eighteenth Quadrennial Conference on "The Mission of the Church in the Whole World" (Student Volunteer Movement) will be held at Athens, Ohio, on December 27, 1959, to January 2, 1960. Thousands of students have heard God speak to them through these conferences and have responded in service as missionaries around the world. As a Secretary of Student Work you can think of the students you know who should be challenged for life service. We can give the students an opportunity for God to speak to them through this conference.

The Seventh Quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Student Movement will be held in December, 1960—only three years after the Lawrence Conference. Plan now to work with the local student directors to choose wisely in selecting the students who should attend this conference.

4. God Speaks and Acts Through the Secretary of Student Work

We have the responsibility to be the instrument through whom God speaks and acts today. We need to pray, study, and seek together with the students and those who are in the armed service to discover the will of God for our lives. Suggested activities will be listed in THE METHODIST WOMAN each month. We will have to use our imagination and be creative in finding new ways of serving our students.

When I read the reports of the Secretaries of Student Work, I am thrilled that they have found so many channels of service. The following material * may help new secretaries:

Handbook for Secretaries of Student Work—35 cents a copy. *Why Bother?*—free

Students From Other Lands—free. *Methodist Service Projects*—15 cents. Student Information Cards—free

Turnover Chart on Student Work (ask your district or conference secretary)

Yours in His service,

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Youth Work

Dear Secretary:

There is some value in looking at ourselves as leaders at this halfway mark in the year. How recently have you taken a good look at yourself as an individual, a leader in the church and community, as a Secretary of Youth Work? It is only fair to say that such searching brings humility, renewed dedication, and some abiding joys.

Let us review the purpose of the MYF which seeks to "provide for such growth in understandings, skills, and appreciations within the Christian community (the church) as will help young people mature in the Christian faith and life." This offers many opportunities, and likewise makes many demands upon the resourcefulness and time of an adult worker with youth.

Many times the Secretary of Youth Work makes her most significant contribution in the meeting where plans are formulated. You will have rich experiences as you plan with other adult workers in the Fellowship of Adult Workers With Youth. Serving on the MYF council in an advisory capacity brings both responsibilities and rewards.

Your special responsibility is in the program area of Christian Outreach. Through the many natural opportunities and assigned tasks you will work with youth and other adult leaders at the job of recognizing Christian Outreach as an important part of the total program of the MYF. This is truly an exciting job when we consider the implications of the concerns:

The world mission of the church (national and world missions)
The ecumenical movement
Overseas relief and reconstruction
Peace and world order

One of the most interesting phases of your work is in the promotion of the Methodist Youth Fund. Many of the projects related to the Youth Fund are related also to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. You can help the work receiving support through the MYFund come alive for members of the MYF as you share resources. For example, THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, films and leaflets related to any of these projects are sources for stories, news, and information. Also let the MYF group know about any missionaries, deaconesses, and national leaders who might be available.

Planning to use missionary materials will be one of your big jobs. The MYF council and the program chairman of Christian Outreach will look to you for counsel and resources when missionary studies and activities are under consideration. This means you must be well informed about the missionary enterprise of The Methodist Church. You will need to have many resources on the current study themes at your fingertips. Yes, it is a big job but a pleasant one.

About now you are asking for a list of materials to help you keep informed. Here are some:

- *Handbook of the Methodist Youth Fellowship* *—75 cents
- *Guidebook for Workers With Youth* *—75 cents
- *A Guide for the Woman's Society of Christian Service* *—35 cents
- *Missionary Materials for Youth* *—free. *Youth Planbook* *—free
- METHODIST YOUTH FUND PACKET (Free from Methodist Youth Fund, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee)

The Secretary of Youth Work serves also as counselor for the World Friendship Group of Girls. In this capacity you may help girls who are in the senior or older youth age brackets of the MYF become interested in the world-wide program of the Woman's Society. The program material for 1959-60 is called *From Trails to Highways.**

We welcome Miss Allene Ford as the newly-elected Secretary of Youth Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She has had wide experiences in the MYF program and in serving as Director of Christian Education. You will enjoy working with her.

I beg the privilege of closing this letter with a word of appreciation for all that you have meant to me over the many years I have been privileged to serve as Secretary of Youth Work. I shall always be grateful for our fellowship and treasured memories.

Helen L. Johnson

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Children's Work

Dear Secretary:

This is the time of year to take a look at the work we have been doing in the area of children's work—looking briefly at the year behind us, and with a new perspective toward the year ahead.

First of all, become familiar with the *Calendar of Activities.* Set up a calendar of your own which will be more detailed than the one on the inside cover of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. List some of the things you plan to do this year. Refer to the Goals for Missionary Education in the February, 1958, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, and study to discover ways in which you can more adequately accomplish your purpose.

As you look into the year ahead, what do you see as major areas needing your thought and concern? During the summer months you will discover boys and girls spending long vacations. What do they do with their time? You will, of course, cooperate with the Council of Children's Workers on vacation church school plans. Perhaps there may be time for additional sessions in missionary education later in the summer. Children, like adults, tire of an extended vacation, and often during the long hot weeks of July and August, they welcome the opportunity for informal study.

Next, give your attention to fall planning in the church school. Attend the Council of Children's Workers regularly. Study missionary materials and resources, and become familiar with study books. Report to the Woman's Society on the work of the children's division. Help the members to know what the children are doing in missionary education and include in your report a discussion of the Children's Service Fund and how it is channeled.

Cooperate with local plans for the promotion and support of UNICEF. Affirm your belief as a children's worker, "that work for children, regardless of nationality, religion, race, or the form of government under which they live, is one of the great hopes for the future of world peace."

Since the organization of UNICEF in 1946, the Woman's Division of Christian Service has consistently supported it through (1) local action such as Trick or Treat and the Christmas card projects, and (2) by urging that our government make available, promptly each year, as large an appropriation as is consistent with the purposes and needs of the organization and its ability to use it without disruption of the matching aid program.

". . . We believe it is valuable for children, youth, and adults in communities across the country to find in activities on behalf of UNICEF, particularly the Trick or Treat program, an opportunity to work across religious, racial, and cultural barriers in support of a great principle and fine program directed toward the well-being of children wherever there is need."

As you move into the year ahead, you will be reading reports, hearing news casts, reading bulletins about one of the most important conferences of the decade, the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. Be alert to what is happening on the state and national levels in preparation for this great conference. Some of you, perhaps, have had the privilege of working with the youth. Others attended the 1950 White House Conference on Children and Youth when attention was focused on the theme "A Healthy Personality for Every Child."

We hope it will be possible for some of you to attend the 1960 White House Conference, March 27-April 2, 1960. In issuing his call, President Eisenhower stated in part the following: "The rapidly changing times in which we live and the increasing fast pace of change, make it incumbent upon us to do everything we can to plan ahead and to see that we prepare today's children well for tomorrow's world. . . ."

Children are our concern and we urge every children's worker to seek information through current literature, use her tools, THE METHODIST WOMAN and *Child Guidance in Christian Living,* and make plans for a creative year in the area of children's work.

Sincerely yours,

Mona E. Kewish

Wesleyan Service Guild

Dear Guild President:

Recently you were installed as the president of your unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild. If the impressive Guild Installation Service was used, you repeated these words in response to the challenge read by the leader: "I pledge, with God's help, to carry out the duties of the president of the Guild." According to the Guild Bylaws, these duties are: to have general supervision of the work of the unit; to preside at the meetings of the unit and its executive committee; to be a member of the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; to report regularly in person to the executive committee of the Woman's Society.

That you accepted this office attests to your commitment to Christian service. It is an important job, and a big one, if your unit earnestly endeavors to carry out the purpose of the Guild. But you do not stand alone as you face it. Some of your best resources are:

1. Your executive committee. To supervise the work of the Guild does not mean you have to do all the work yourself. When plans come from the executive committee, you have the support and backing of the officers who are members of the committee. As you take your problems as well as your ideas to the executive committee, as you listen—really listen—to their ideas and the problems as they see them, together you can work things out better than you could separately. By your own democratic manner of working with the group, you can help the committee to become a good working group, wherein the goal of Christian service comes ahead of strivings on the part of individuals to get their own way.

2. The executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of which you and the treasurer are members. One of the problems has been that the executive meetings of the Woman's Society are often held when Guild members cannot attend. If this is the case, take your problem to the president of the Woman's Society to see if she will ask the executive committee to work out some plan so that you can attend the meetings.

3. The president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who is your co-worker. By virtue of her office, she attends meetings and has contacts that you do not have. She can be of great assistance to you.

4. The coordinator. She is a very important officer. She is a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, elected to the Guild office of coordinator by the Wesleyan Service Guild. She acts as a liaison person between the Woman's Society and the Guild.

5. The district Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. As a unit president you are a member of the district standing committee of the Guild. Through you the local unit will be able to take part in the district Guild activities, and it is your responsibility to see that your Guild is represented at district meetings. The district secretary is your channel to the Woman's Division office of the Guild which goes from local to district to conference, and from there to jurisdiction and the standing Committee of the Guild of the Woman's Division. There the overall plans are made.

6. The Guild office, to which you can write for help. If you need the names of officers, if you need information that is not available from your district secretary, the Guild office is happy to try to find the answers to your questions.

7. Your best resource is, of course, your spiritual one. We are working to the best of our knowledge and ability, as co-workers with God in His plans for the Kingdom. As we do this, we know that we can count on Him for strength, courage, and help. Printed resource materials are: especially the *Guild Handbook*, the *Nineteenth Annual Report* of the Woman's Division, World Outlook, The Methodist Woman. Be sure to watch the back pages of The Methodist Woman each month for new materials. All the publications will direct you to further resource materials as will *The Catalog of Literature*. The Guild office will send you a list of resource materials upon request.

Sincerely yours,

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Spiritual Life

Dear Secretary:

You have been elected by your Society or Guild to serve the women of your church in a place of exceptional opportunity.

Please turn with me to page 20 of the *Handbook for Secretaries of Spiritual Life* and read the bylaw which describes your work: "The Secretary of Spiritual Life shall seek to quicken the spiritual life of all the women of the church . . ." Perhaps a question arises in your mind immediately, How?

First, you will find it imperative to reassess your own spiritual resources. Ask yourself these questions:

What do I *believe* about God?
What do I *believe* about Christ?
What do I *believe* about the Holy Spirit?
What do I *believe* about the Holy Scriptures?
What do I *believe* about the Church?

The life of the spirit can be quickened by daily Bible reading, prayer, meditation.

The fellowship of others within the Prayer Group and the Retreat carries the individual beyond her own needs to the *corporate* seeking for spiritual quickening. The *shared* experience of the Prayer Group and the Retreat gives strength for the translation of the personal "quickening" into the attitudes and action needed for the living of these days.

Second, ". . . to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving." This second major aspect of the bylaw is the natural fulfillment of the first part. When people have *experienced* a quickening of the spiritual life, it is expressed through service and giving. This is the stewardship of life—time, talents, possessions. Each one has something of value and a need to *share*.

A part of your opportunity as Secretary of Spiritual Life is to fulfill your function as a member of the Committee on Program, and as an ex-officio member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the local church.

The smallest Society can have a Committee on Spiritual Life, even if there are only two members—you and one other. It is your privilege to read and suggest to your group books, pamphlets, articles that stimulate spiritual growth and Christian action. Familiarize yourself with the Spiritual Life Packet; read THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Then be prepared to circulate suggestions as to those pamphlets and articles that are particularly pertinent to Spiritual Life cultivation, keeping ever before you the rapid social change, world-wide, of which we are so inextricably a part.

Devise ways to keep the *Prayer Calendar* before your group. Our workers at home and around the world *live* for us when we are familiar with their names and projects and pray for them.

THE METHODIST WOMAN carries a monthly Calendar of Activities. Watch for this page of suggestions. Discuss them with your committee and enlist help in carrying them out.

Reports are sent to your district Secretary of Spiritual Life. Reports become important when you realize that the local Society or Guild is the basis of the entire program of the Woman's Division. Thus, what *you* report indicates the strength and weaknesses of the program of Spiritual Life cultivation. Will you pledge 100 per cent reporting for 1959-60?

Now reread the bylaw. Do you agree that yours is a service of life—wide opportunity?

The Secretary of Spiritual Life is *s*tudious; *p*rayerful; *i*ndustrious; *r*esponsible; *i*maginative; *t*ime-conscious; *u*niversal in her concern for people; *a*ctive; *l*oving, as expressed in understanding others—that rare quality of empathy, which is the identifying of one's self with another.

If you begin *now* to assume your privileges as Secretary of Spiritual Life, believing in the commitment of the members of your group to the *Purpose* of our organization, and work with faith, you will come to the end of the year with thanksgiving to God for having had this opportunity.

The reward for service? The realization that you have been "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Sincerely yours,

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Supply Work

Dear Secretary:

Greetings, and a warm welcome if you are joining the ranks of us who carry the concern of "love's second mile" giving. May you truly enjoy this rewarding adventure as you direct Supply Work gifts to the work and workers of the Woman's Division. Because of the consideration by all lines of work for the total program, the Woman's Division has made a spectacular record of achievement in fellowship and service. With this in mind, as Secretary of Supply Work, your concern will not be solely for "second-mile" giving, but you will recognize the "Pledge to Missions" as basic, and the *first* responsibility of every member of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

The *Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work* * will be your most valuable asset. Your duties and activities are clearly stated in it. Since you are also a member of the Committee on Finance of your Society, you should acquaint yourself with *all* funds, special sources of income, and channels of giving. (See *Handbook for Treasurers.**)

Let us rejoice together that Secretaries of Supply Work are included in the pattern of attendance this summer at our Schools of Missions and Christian Service. This splendid educational opportunity is available to us twice each quadrennium. Make the most of it.

One of your major tasks is to keep accurate record of all Supply Work done by your Society, and report it carefully each reporting period. Your treasurer will provide you with the correct amount of cash for each of your reports. (See *Report It This Way.**) Since many local secretaries often neglect to report, our annual Supply Work report does not present a true picture. For this reason we have taken *100 per cent reporting* as our goal.

Two conference Secretaries of Supply Work merit high praise for having achieved this goal in their respective conferences several times. They are Mrs. Hugh Alger of North Indiana Conference and Mrs. Milton Maack of South Iowa Conference. An orchid to each of them! With the help of their district secretaries, these two women have spared neither time nor toil in making this amazing record possible. But it could not have been done had not *every* local Secretary of Supply Work participated.

Experience has taught us that Supply Work promotes itself. Methodist women have proven beyond a doubt their willingness to give generously *over and above* their "Pledge to Missions" when definite needs of our work and workers are presented to them. That is why it is so important that every Woman's Society and Guild be given a specific and detailed list of needs each year.

These lists are called the *Askings* which you present to your Society for consideration and acceptance. You must then seek opportunities to share with your women appealing bits of information and human interest stories related to the mission projects on your askings. The Methodist Woman, World Outlook, the *Annual Report* of the Woman's Division, and the *Do You Know* booklets are invaluable sources for such information. This makes Supply Work giving very personal and keeps your women aware of the dedicated service being rendered by our missionaries, deaconesses, and workers.

A Methodist woman visiting our northern-most piece of work this past year saw a refrigerator that had been provided through Supply Work and heard the missionary say, "What would we ever do without it?" A few months later the same woman visited our southern-most piece of work at Angol in Chile, and again saw a refrigerator purchased with Cash for Supply Work and again heard the missionary say, "What would we ever do without it?" North, south, east, or west, the service of every project of the Woman's Division is greatly enriched because Methodist women avail themselves of the opportunity to go a "second mile," thereby providing many necessary items which inadequate maintenance budgets could not provide.

Someone has said that a part of the mystery of God in Christ is His power to convert the material into the spiritual. May we, who carry in our hearts the concern of the "second mile," join our hearts in thanksgiving and praise this year as God reveals Himself and the eternal through the common and temporal things we are able to provide for the people we would serve.

Sincerely yours,

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Status of Women

Dear Secretary:

Greetings to you! One of the real joys in our organization is planning and working with the other officers. Much of the work of the Secretary of Status of Women is done in cooperation with other secretaries. This year you will find you can function most effectively through your membership on the executive committee and the Committee on Program.

First of all, it will be helpful to review the material which appeared in the Officer's Letter File in the May issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN of 1957 and 1958 as well as to study the leaflet, *Changing Patterns for Women.** This will give a new secretary a background for understanding the study we are doing this quadrennium—taking an objective look at our place in the organization. It is our desire to continue that emphasis.

Women in Our Local Church and Community

1. Prepare an up-to-date file of Service Activity Cards * on all women of the church. The emphasis of the August program on *Faith With Works—The Local Church* is an excellent time for action. Encourage the executive committee to make a study to discover how many women of the local church are working actively in its program. Is there anything your group needs to do to help them to a better understanding of the "calling" of lay members?

2. This might be the time when the executive committee of the Woman's Society, or Wesleyan Service Guild, would like to begin a study of changes taking place in the life and work of women. The 35 cent booklet, *Employed Women and the Church* * by Cynthia Wedel, a study and discussion guide, is an excellent outline for this important study which may mean changes in program and time of meeting.

Women in the World

1. See the February issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, as well as back issues of WORLD OUTLOOK and *The Church Woman* for information on the Commission on Status of Women of the United Nations. Work with the Committee on Program and also the Committee on Christian Social Relations in finding ways to use this enrichment material, perhaps for the October program on "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs" in the 1959-1960 *Program Book.*

2. The theme of the December program on "Christmas Around the World," might lend itself to further study of what women in other parts of the world are doing in church and community. The vice-president, who has responsibility for giving information about the World Federation of Methodist Women, might work with you in securing enrichment material from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK that could be used with this program if desired. The January program for circles in the 1959-1960 *Program Book* points out the difference between the lives of Christian and non-Christian women in Africa.

The Individual Church Woman and Stewardship

Does the Committee on Nominations study the file of Service Activity Cards for possible new leadership? Has the Committee on Membership in your Society, or Wesleyan Service Guild, considered not only its responsibility for securing new members but also the more effective cultivation of the present membership? Perhaps this committee, too, needs to study the file of cards on the membership to discover ways of using various inactive members. These are questions you may wish to call to the attention of the executive committee. Consideration of the emphasis of the March program, "How Total Is My Stewardship?" (1959-1960 *Program Book)* is an excellent way to bring the above questions into focus before the executive committee, the Committees on Program and Membership, as well as those on Spiritual Life and Status of Women. The theme, "Matches to Light Candles," suggested for May circle program, can be used to emphasize the utmost importance of the personal dedication of every individual woman.

After this year of special study and an objective look at ourselves as members of the Woman's Society, or Wesleyan Service Guild, as lay members of the local church, as stewards in God's world, surely we will have discovered for ourselves more effective ways of working together. With this, we hope, will come a greater desire to help the Society, and Wesleyan Service Guild, in every way possible to carry out its high purpose.

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Literature and Publications

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Dear Secretary:

"Mission and Witness," the title of our *Nineteenth Annual Report,* reminds us of our importance as Secretaries of Literature and Publications. Splendid material is made available by the Editorial Board, whose picture appears at the top of this page. It is your mission to make these materials really live and in their witness change lives for more effective service in the building of the Kingdom.

You must be vitally interested in your important task for it is not to be regarded lightly. Of course you subscribe to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Through your enthusiasm for these magazines you will stimulate subscriptions, having had a successful drive for new combinations in April, new subscribers each month, and one hundred per cent renewals in October.

Immediately upon your election or re-election send your name and correct address to your district Secretary of Literature and Publications. This is important! Also notify the Circulation Department of THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio, sending your name and that of the former Secretary of Literature and Publications. We can render more efficient service if we have a completely correct list for mailing.

You and I are not circulation people for the magazine only, but also for all the literature of the Woman's Division. As a member of the Committee on Program you may stimulate the committee to use the program and worship material, also the supplementary helps in THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. The use of the *Prayer Calendar* adds spiritual strength to your Society. The *Nineteenth Annual Report* * of the Woman's Division is a must for the well-informed Society. The *Catalog of Literature* * (send for one!), together with the back cover page of THE METHODIST WOMAN, is uniquely yours. Here are listed many publications available to interest, inspire, and educate your Society members.

Orders. Allow three weeks for delivery. We must mail fourth-class. Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio, and our Distributing Offices, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York, and 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco 2, California, are prepared and anxious to render prompt and efficient service. We desire, with you, to conduct all transactions on a businesslike basis. Please use order blanks. Check prices. Remit promptly.

Reports. Send promptly to your district secretary—*not to this office.* This helps her to get her report to the conference secretary on time who in turn sends the summarized report to me.

Week of Prayer Material. Conference Secretaries of Literature send this Week of Prayer material to you through your district Secretary of Literature. This is another reason for her to have the correct name of the active Secretary of Literature and Publications in your local church. *Please, please,* upon receiving the Week of Prayer material, give it at once to your Secretary of Spiritual Life.

In your hands rests the power to make your Society alert, informed, interested, and active. Yours is an important task. We are most grateful to each active and consecrated secretary.

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ORGANIZATION and PROMOTION

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Attend a School of Missions

THIS month the inside cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN carries the Calendar of Activities for the new year. In the magazine are letters of welcome to newly installed officers and many helpful suggestions for them. This article is offering another suggestion for you.

Secretaries of Promotion have the privilege of attending the School of Missions and Christian Service every summer. Have you ever considered what this means to you and to your Society? Sometimes such privileges are taken for granted and are not accepted at their proper value.

Looking at this privilege from a purely personal point of view, consider all that the School of Missions and Christian Service can do for you as a person in your local Woman's Society. Just take a look at the program and the opportunities that it presents.

First, the worship service every morning helps one to get into the mood for the day. It sets the spirit and atmosphere in which everything else is done. It opens up ways to grow in spirit. As you join with others in worship, your own spirit responds to the call to witness in a new way. Adding a new spiritual emphasis to your own life, in turn, will enrich your service to your Woman's Society.

Second, the study classes open fresh vistas of understanding. This summer the classes are especially important. Living in a world of change, what woman could fail to want to catch up on the events taking place in such a vast continent as Africa? There are so many phases of African life which we as Americans never think of and which are vital to a Christian relationship between nations. This study will be very valuable in many other ways also.

The study of the "Church's Mission in Town and Country" should help the local woman take a new look at her own church and see what it means to her. Many Woman's Societies are in churches where changes are taking place. Many Woman's Societies are in the areas covered by this study. You should be able to see yourself in relationship to the task of your church and prepare to do something about it in your community.

"The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs" is another class in which women will be able to widen their horizons and to see beyond the local church and community, and beyond the United States, to the world and its problems. This offers a real promise of inspiration and growth. In the study of the Gospel of Luke, women will learn of a Christian pattern for living through a look at the picture of Christ that Luke presents. Everyone can profit from such a study.

Each of these studies will enlarge the vision of the woman who participates in them. Perhaps it would be well if the delegates from each Society would decide that one of them should be in each class so that the Woman's Society which they represent will have the benefit of all the studies. Think what it would mean to your Society to have you in the group presenting one of the studies next year! If you become involved in such a study, you certainly will want to carry the message to others in your home Woman's Society.

This year there is to be no workshop in the Schools of Missions and Christian Service, but there is an extended time for the clinics for the lines of work. This means that the Secretaries of Promotion will have twice as much time as formerly to discuss their work and their problems. It means that various clinics will be able to join forces to discuss some questions. For example, the treasurers are to be in the schools this year. The Secretaries of Promotion can work out with the treasurers new ways to *promote* increased pledges, the budget of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and My World Bank.

Since presidents and Secretaries of Promotion work together on so many phases of the work, it will be well for them to spend some time together. This is true also with the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

This summer the clinics should serve as training opportunities for secretaries. This is a place to compare notes and to exchange ideas and to learn new ways. Be sure that you attend the School of Missions and Christian Service! You will profit personally, and you will be a better Secretary of Promotion in your local Woman's Society of Christian Service as a result.

H. D. H.

Miss Allene May Ford

New Staff Member

Elected in January as the Associate Secretary of Youth Work in the Section of Education and Cultivation of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Miss Allene May Ford took up her duties in the New York office on March 20.

Miss Ford is a Texan. She has served in several churches as a director of Christian Education and comes from that position in Bethany Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, to the staff of the Woman's Division. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, she also attended Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas, and has done graduate study at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

Miss Ford has had experience in youth camp work and caravaning in The Methodist Church and has served as a member of the Curriculum, Camp and Race Relations Committee of the National Council of Churches. She is familiar with the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church, for she has held offices of Secretary of Youth Work, Secretary of Student Work, and president of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

We extend a warm welcome to her as she enters upon her new duties in the missionary education of youth in The Methodist Church.

Mrs. H. F. Brandt, *Chairman*
Section of Education
and Cultivation

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

President: Give a report on year's work to the Society.

Vice-President: Plan study course, "Understanding Other Cultures." Meet with Committee on Program to evaluate year's programs. Present May program, "The World to Christ We Bring." (Pledge Service.)

Treasurer: Be sure all available funds are forwarded to conference treasurer by May 10. Since this is the last report for the fiscal year, empty your treasury, insofar as possible, and send all available funds for the work of the Woman's Division. Present annual report to Woman's Society.

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in May Fellowship Day and Family Life Week. Call committee meeting to take stock and plan for the new year.

Promotion: See that the officers send their reports to their respective district officers by May 31. How far have you progressed toward reaching the Quadrennial Goals? Send the list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district Secretary of Promotion.

Missionary Education: Register for your conference School of Missions if you have not already done so. Begin the study, "Understanding Other Cultures." Participate in Officers' Training Day. With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

Student Work: Encourage high-school seniors to go to college. Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service." Urge World Christian Community chairman to attend the Methodist Student Regional Leadership Training Conferences.

Youth Work: Encourage youth attending summer camps, institutes, and assemblies to bring back ideas for strengthening Christian Outreach in the MYF. Attend sessions on Officers' Training Day.

Children's Work: Attend district and conference meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Report to district secretary by June 1.

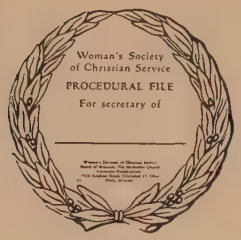
Wesleyan Service Guild: Make the Pledge Service meaningful. Appoint committees.

Spiritual Life: Assist in making the pledge service a dedication of time, talents, and gifts. Officers' Training Day. Study your *Handbook*. Cooperate in every way with May Fellowship Day, May 1, and Christian Family Week, May 3-9.

Supply Work: Report to Society the total amount of Supply Work. Prepare third and annual reports. (Check cash carefully with treasurer.) Send to district secretary before June 1.

Status of Women: Read and report on the article, "A New Status for Women," page 16.

Literature and Publications: Order copies of *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet* for 1959-60. Secure subscriptions—new and renewals. Be sure to report results of April drive to your district secretary. The list of secretaries securing five or more new combination subscriptions will be printed in The Methodist Woman.



A Procedural File

A FEW weeks ago a comment in the sermon caused me to ponder on patterns of leadership. Since then I have asked myself searching questions. It is well for each of us to raise questions with ourselves about our leadership. How recently have you inquired of yourself: What kind of a leader am I? What type of leadership do I exemplify? What are my work habits?

Most of us are seeking to find ways of doing our work more efficiently and effectively. Some are looking for ways to get the job done as well as possible in less time. There is no doubt that any job in the Woman's Society takes time if it is done well. Also most women are busy persons and this is especially true of those who have assumed leadership responsibilities. Some have more ability to organize their work than others.

With all this in mind we sent a letter to the jurisdiction and conference Secretaries of Promotion with the following questions:

In what ways does the use of a procedural file prove most effective?

How are procedural files prepared for new officers?

Does every officer use a procedural file?

Twenty-five replies were received. They are summarized for you in the hope that the ideas which they suggest will be helpful as you build upon them to meet your own situation. The listing is in general terms and you will translate the ideas to meet your need in the local, district, or conference Woman's Society. One conference Secretary of Promotion wrote, "The circle chairmen are also using a procedural file and finding it very effective."

Contents of File

Although this listing is focused on a file which is set up for the Secretary of Promotion the materials and ideas may be adjusted to fit the needs of other officers and leaders. The items are not listed in any preferred order but are those for which there are folders or sections.

- *Handbook*—Promotion
- *A Guide* for the Woman's Society of Christian Service
- Correspondence
- Copies of form letters to secretaries
- Itineration: schedules, reports, etc. of field workers and missionaries
- Quadrennial Goals
- Financial Promotion
- Minutes
  - Executive Committee
  - Committees—by name
  - Journals
- Reports
  - Jurisdiction
  - Conference
  - District
  - Statistical
- List of Officers
  - Jurisdiction
  - Conference
  - District
- Membership Data
- Summer School of Missions and Christian Service
- Clinic and Workshop items
- Wesleyan Service Guild
- Audio-Visual materials
- Monthly check list of duties
- Maps
  - Work of Woman's Division
  - Conference by districts
  - District
- Officer Training materials
- Printed materials
  - *Annual Report* of Woman's Division
  - Leaflets—especially new ones
- Statistical reports
- THE METHODIST WOMAN
- WORLD OUTLOOK
- Question and Answer folder
- Bibliography
- Lines of work in the Society
  - *Handbooks*
  - Leaflets

Values

The response to the question about the values of having a good system for filing was really enthusiastic. To put these answers adequately into a list is next to impossible. Again, we call upon you to clothe each suggestion with imagination because in this way the ideas expressed here will take on meaning for every secretary. Some values of files are indicated:

- Having the right material at hand
- Time saving
- Having information at one's fingertips
- Discovering accomplishments and weaknesses
- Provides resources for meetings
- Tools well arranged
- Information and resources ready for new officers
- Instructive and informative
- Resources available to share with other workers
- Materials pertaining to one office all in one place

One secretary said it this way: "It would be most difficult to say how the file proves most effective because I do not see how I could carry on any of my work without it. I use some part of it almost every day in the work that I do at home, such as correspondence and planning promotional helps. Practically all of it is used in training sessions and workshops with district officers. It is valuable at executive committee meetings for information at my fingertips since it is impossible to remember everything one is supposed to know."

Files for New Officers

Do you know what is done about this in your conference? Some of those who replied to the four questions noted early in this article do not know whether other conference officers have a file of any sort to help them in their work. A few wrote that they had talked the matter over with other conference officers and they really did not know that the plan for organizing one's work in this way had ever been discussed. Some wrote that they had received no files, no materials of any sort, when coming into office. At least it is apparent from studying the letters that there is confusion about this in the minds of some conference officers. This is not entirely unfortunate because such a situation is an invitation to the executive committee of the conference Woman's Society to give the matter some consideration. This would be a good idea for district and local Societies, too.

Those who shared their experiences in making files for new officers are agreed that they should be given basic material but not too much. The basic materials will help a new officer to have a sense of direction and then she will develop files which have some meaning for her as she grows in the job. Some of the basic materials would be a *Handbook,* selected leaflets, list of officers with whom she will work, necessary reports and records, mimeographed materials pertinent to her job, copies of letters dealing with her line of responsibility, pertinent information such as mimeographed lists and instructions, and a month-by-month listing of responsibilities in line with the conference or district program.

Again we quote from one Secretary of Promotion. "Speaking from my own experience, I would put the following material in the file for a new officer: a *Handbook, A Guide,* copies of the reports for the past year (at least in the line of work), any letters of special significance received from an officer in the line of work, names and addresses of all officers to whom the new officer will send reports, and those from whom she should receive reports and a listing of reporting dates. I would prepare this file and have it ready to turn over to the new officer after finishing my term of office. It is really being done all the time one is in office because the work goes on 'though officers change.' "

In Conclusion

This is an attempt to answer some questions which are raised in training groups. It is also a response to the jurisdiction Secretaries of Promotion who asked to have an article on procedural files in THE METHODIST WOMAN. We hope the ideas suggested here will be of practical help to many officers in the Woman's Society. As important as it is to start a filing system, it is just as imperative to keep it up to date! This is a constant job but at the same time it helps one "feel secure because she has the facts and information at hand."

H. L. J.

A WORSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH MUSIC

By MRS. GEORGE A. HILL, JR.
Secretary of Spiritual Life, New England Southern Conference

This worship service is based on Isaiah's experience as recorded in Isaiah 6:1-8*b*. Within their wording the hymns have reference to Isaiah's message. The five points upon which worship services are based are indicated. The leader reads from Isaiah the Prophet's experience that coincides with each point. Hymn references are to *The Methodist Hymnal.*

ADORATION

Leader: Isaiah's Vision 6:1-3.
Call to Worship, *trio,* "Seek Ye the Lord" (Isaiah 55:6).
Hymn of Praise, 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy" *(first verse)* (Isaiah 6:3).
Hymn of Adoration, 59, "Ancient of Days" *(first verse)* (Isaiah 43:15-16).

CONFESSION

Leader: Isaiah's Confession 6:4.
Silent Meditation, 195, "Return, O Wanderer" (Isaiah 49:15).
(Read silently verses 1, 2, 4 while organist plays.)
Prayer Hymn, 354, "Peace, Perfect Peace (Isaiah 26:3).
(All verses. This is a question and answer hymn, one side asks, the other answers.)
Hymn of Confession, 144, "Beneath the Cross (Isaiah 32:2).

SALVATION

Leader: Isaiah's Purification 6:6-7.
Responsive Hymn, 485, "Watchman, Tell Us" (Isaiah 21:11-12).
(Verses 1 and 2. This hymn is sung responsively with the leader giving lines 1, 3 and the people lines 2, 4.)
Scripture, *solo,* "He Shall Feed His Flock" (Isaiah 40:11).
Prayer, 230, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" *(first verse)* (Isaiah 53:6).

CHALLENGE AND CALL

Leader: Isaiah's Call 6:8*a*
Sermon
Hymn 503, "There's a Voice" *(first verse)* (Isaiah 40; 3, 9, 11).
Hymn 475, "O Zion Haste" *(first verse)* (Isaiah 12:6).
Hymn 482, "Heralds of Christ" *(first verse)* (Isaiah 40:3-5).

DEDICATION

Leader: Isaiah's Dedication 6:8*b*.
Offertory, 315, "How Firm a Foundation" *(second tune)* (Isaiah 41:10).
(Read the words silently as the organist plays.)
Dedication, 164, "All Hail the Power" *(third tune, first verse)* (Isaiah 62:3).
Consecration, 288, "Hark, the Voice" *(first verse)* (Isaiah 6:8).
Benediction, 613, "The Lord Bless You" (Isaiah 30:18).

Slogans for the Vice-President

by

MRS. CHARLES YOUNG

Vice-President, Missouri Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

"ANY program worth presenting is worth planning well." This is a paraphrase of the old adage "anything worth doing is worth doing well," and it carries a challenge for all vice-presidents and Committees on Program.

Or can we put a different meaning to it, saying, "Any program worth presenting is worth evaluating." How can we know the programs are challenging women to action, informing them of the extensive program throughout the world, and inspiring them to give time, talents, and money unless we take time for evaluation?

It is so important for the Committee on Program to meet often to evaluate past programs and to study the needs of the groups for future programs. It is important, too, that every member of the committee be informed. This is accomplished by having all the committee members read all the material written for our Woman's Society of Christian Service and especially the two magazines: THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. As one reads this timely material, one naturally gets the urge to share it with others.

THE METHODIST WOMAN carries news every quarter of the World Federation of Methodist Women—a federation to which every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service belongs. These challenging news items make us proud to be members of that great company of Methodist women who seek "To Know Him and to Make Him Known."

Let us make a slogan just for vice-presidents and Committees on Program. "Any Woman's Society of Christian Service program worth presenting is worth being mission-centered." We have numerous opportunities to hear current-event programs at clubs and civic affairs, but we attend only one organization where we are informed and inspired to carry on the great missionary program which we support. It is the hope and prayer of your conference vice-president that every local Society will make this slogan a reality in its program planning.

Call for the Town and Country Conference

The rural people of our country and other countries in the world remain and continue to be the source not only of population, food, fibre, and fuel for our society, but of many of the basic values contributing to the spiritual life of the nation.

In view of the great changes, technological and cultural, now taking place in the rural life of this country, there is need as never before for our Church to look analytically at these changes of policies relating to the nature, structure and leadership of the Church in town and country and its impact on rural people and the rural community.

Moreover, the movement from rural to urban sections of American society has been a fact long noted. The country people moving to town become the backbone of innumerable city churches. It is important, therefore, that the interdependence of rural and urban churches be more seriously considered, so that the whole Church be brought to see the abiding significance of rural people, of rural life and rural values in building up a spiritually satisfying urban society.

Therefore, we, the Bishops of The Methodist Church, hereby call a National Methodist Town and Country Conference, during the days of July 21-24, 1959, in Wichita, Kansas, so that the Church may take counsel together on these problems and develop a strategy and a wise course of action for the future of our service to people in town and country communities here and elsewhere in the world, and so that leaders in the rural areas may have increasing understanding and cooperation with and from the growing rural-urban elements in our Church leadership.

MARK OF THE HAWK

Seen in 600 Local Theaters

by

WILLIAM A. FORE

"NEITHER pro-white nor pro-Negro, but pro-human"—this is the way "Mark of the Hawk" was recently described. Produced by Lloyd Young and Associates, and jointly released by the Board of Foreign Missions of the former Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, "The Hawk" has played in more than six hundred theaters since opening on Times Square in March, 1958.

Starring Eartha Kitt and Sidney Poitier, this unusual film portrays in graphic realism the problems which face the Christian world mission in a revolutionary era. An 80-minute feature in Technicolor and Super-Scope, the film is set in Africa and deals with "the new day in missions." Universal-International, Inc., is distributing it for the churches.

To date, "Mark of the Hawk" has played in sixty Methodist Annual Conferences. The film has moved from the Eastern Seaboard across Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and later into upper New England, the Central Plain states, and the West Coast.

As playing dates for a particular area are announced, the conference Missionary Secretary and conference Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are contacted to enlist their cooperation. Samples of the promotional flyers and utilization pieces are mailed out and quantities may be had upon request. Usually a "sneak preview" is arranged in the town for local church leaders.

Often advance notice of showings is very important, so missions-minded people in the churches should watch their local newspapers carefully so they may alert church members when "Mark of the Hawk" comes to their neighborhood theater.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

RECENT ARRIVALS FROM:

AFRICA: *Mozambique*—Miss Mary Jean Tennant (Regular), Fife Lake, Michigan.

Southern Rhodesia—Miss Alice Whitney, R.N. (Regular), c/o Mrs. Edna Beemer, 7715 Valmont Street, Tujunga, California.

LATIN AMERICA: *Brazil*—Miss Alice Denison (Regular), Route 2, Box 406, Waco, Texas.

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RECENT DEPARTURES FOR:

AFRICA: *Liberia*—Dr. Lois Zimmerman (Regular).

INDIA: Dr. Vela H. Cleveland (Regular).

PHILIPPINES: Misses Janice Johnson (Special term), Marjorie Tyson (Regular).

TRAVEL TOURS

• June 24-July18. A travel-study tour of Mexico sponsored by Committee on World Peace and International Affairs of the Board of Christian Social Relations of the Detroit Conference. Recommended by General Board of World Peace.

For further information, write Mrs. Wilbur F. Powell, Powell Tours, 8016 El Capitan Drive, La Mesa, California; or Rev. Carl Soule, Board of World Peace, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

• July 23-September 1, 1959. Methodist Good Will Tour to the Bible Lands and Europe sponsored by the Southern Illinois Conference under directorship of Dr. Karl Quimby. Enroll with Rev. Farrell Jenkins, 415 E. Broadway, Centralia, Illinois, or Rev. Karl Quimby, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

In Memoriam

Miss Mabel Morgan was born December 16, 1874, in Buchanan, Michigan, and died February 28, 1959, at Thoburn Terrace, Alhambra, California.

In 1897 she entered the Preparatory Department of Kalamazoo College. After completing that course, she studied for two years in the college. It was here that she became interested in missionary work through the influence of the Student Volunteer Band. She attended the Chicago Training School and Western State Teachers' College in Kalamazoo where she graduated in 1917 with a General Life Certificate.

On December 8, 1919, she sailed for India where she was appointed to the Mary A. Knott's Girls' School in Vikarabad. Illness in the family made it necessary for Miss Morgan to remain at home when she came in 1924 on her first furlough. She took a position in May, 1925, on the staff of the First Methodist Church of Kalamazoo. In the fall of 1926 she began work as Field Secretary of the Northwestern Branch of the former Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, continuing through June, 1927. That fall she again sailed for India where she did evangelistic work at Vikarabad and at Tandur until her return to the United States in 1941.

At that time she went to Bradenton, Florida, to live in the family home with her sister, Margaret. Miss Morgan was retired in 1943. She and her sister left Bradenton in June, 1953, to take up residenec at Thoburn Terrace, Alhambra, California.

In these years since her return to the United States she has been active in the missionary and educational work of the churches to which she has belonged. At the time of her death, she was a member of the First Methodist Church, Alhambra, California.

Miss Lucie Clark, retired missionary to China and Cuba, passed away February 14, 1959, at Robincroft Home in Pasadena, California. Born September 28, 1878, in Clarksville, Arkansas, Miss Clark received her education at Hardin College, Mexico, Missouri, Scarritt and Ward-Belmont in Nashville, Tennessee. She also studied at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, and at Henderson Brown College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She majored in music and speech.

In 1925, Miss Clark went to China where she was a contract teacher of music in Virginia School, Huchow, Chekiang. From 1926 until 1930 she taught at the Susan B. Wilson School at Sunghian, Kiangsu. Returning to the United States, she was commissioned a regular missionary in 1931, and was reappointed to the Susan B. Wilson School where she remained until 1937.

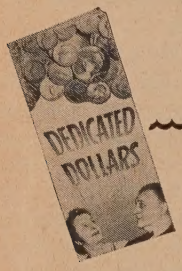
Because of political conditions in China, she was transferred to Cuba in 1938 where she served until 1942. Her appointments included teaching at Colegio Buenavista in Havana and at Colegio Eliza Bowman in Cienfuegos.

She retired in 1944 and in recent years resided at Robincroft where she was a favorite member of the family.

Miss Grace McCallister, a deaconess in active service on the staff of the Methodist Old People's Home, Chicago, Illinois, died suddenly on February 1, 1959. Miss McCallister was born in Williamsburg, Iowa, on October 7, 1897. She was graduated from the former Iowa National Bible Training School in Des Moines in 1923 and served as a member of the staff of the West Side Community House, Cleveland, Ohio, before going to the Methodist Old People's Home in 1949.

Miss Mary E. Johnston, a retired deaconess who made her home at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, died suddenly on February 11, 1959. She would have reached her eighty-eighth birthday on April 4.

Miss Johnston was born in Malaga, Ohio. She attended the Chicago Deaconess Training School and was graduated from the Cleveland General Hospital School of Nursing in 1896. With the exception of the years 1911-1918, when she served as superintendent of the Deaconess Home in St. Paul, Minnesota, and as parish worker in Rochester, Miss Johnston spent her forty-four years of active service at the West Side Community House, Cleveland, Ohio.



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August

All Officers: Make this a month of thorough preparation. Order materials through the Secretary of Literature and Publications. Spend time in study. Formulate plans. Hold necessary committee meetings.

September

Vice-President: Distribute *My Date Book* which includes program calendar.

Treasurer: Promote the use of My World Bank in cooperation with the Secretary of Promotion.

Promotion: Check progress on Quadrennial Goals.

Missionary Education: Present the study plans for 1959-1960 recommended by the Committee on Program.

Youth Work: Provide program materials *From Trails to Highways* for the World Friendship Group of Girls.

Children's Work: Meet with the council of children's workers to plan year's work including missionary education.

Spiritual Life: Promote Fellowship of Intercession. (See July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Supply Work: Present Christmas needs in a new and interesting way.

Literature and Publications: Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial at least three weeks before needed.

October

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in community observance of United Nations Week and UNICEF Trick or Treat.

Youth Work: Cooperate with the Committee on Vocations in the local church.

Spiritual Life: Stress spiritual values in Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Status of Women: Prepare an up-to-date file of Service Activity Cards on all women in the church.

Literature and Publications: Obtain renewals of combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

November

Vice-President: Report on World Federation of Methodist Women.

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in observance of World Community Day. Plan for Human Rights Day. (See October issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

February

Promotion: Plan with treasurer for opening My World Bank.

Christian Social Relations: Do *one* thing to implement Charter on Racial Policies. (See December issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Spiritual Life: Plan a Day Apart Service during the Lenten season. Recommend books for Lenten reading. In cooperation with Secretary of Literature and Publications, arrange a display of Spiritual Life materials.

March

Treasurer: Promote Annuity Gifts and Bequests.

Promotion: Work out arrangements for Officers' Training Day.

Christian Social Relations: Study responsibilities for 1960-1961 in March issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

April

Treasurer: Call a meeting of Committee on Finance to prepare the 1960-1961 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.

Promotion: Encourage attendance at district and subdistrict meetings.

Youth Work: Provide resources for adult workers in the MYF for the study of "The Church's Mission in Town and Country."

Literature and Publications: Secure new combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Remember there is only one serial number for each church so work with the Chairman of Literature and Publications in the Wesleyan Service Guild.

May

General: Adopt budget, elect and install officers, arrange for Officers' Training Day, plan for representation at Summer School of Missions, change circle members.

President: Report on year's work.

Vice-President: Meet with Committee on Program to evaluate year's programs and begin plans for next year.

Treasurer: Forward all available funds to conference (or district) treasurer by May 10.

Promotion: Send list of newly-elected officers with complete addresses to district Secretary of Promotion.

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in May Fellowship Day and Family Life Week.

Supply Work: Check *Askings*. Be sure all requests have been met.

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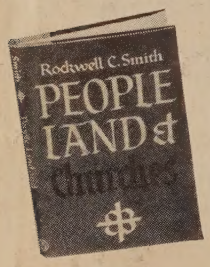

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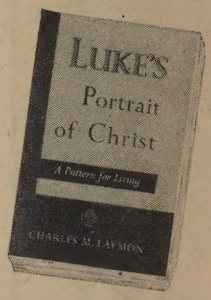
Theme: The Gospel of Luke



Luke's Portrait of Christ. By Charles M. Laymon. Some of the most beautiful poems and stories about Jesus as well as the stories or parables Jesus told are found only in this Gospel written by the beloved physician. 75 cents.

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The Good News. (Gospel of Luke —illustrated) 10 cents.

Guide to Luke's Portrait of Christ. By Daisy Dozier. 35 cents.

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Theme: The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs

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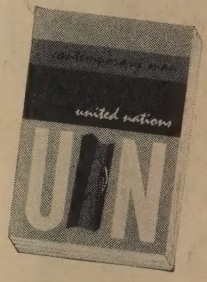

A Guide on Contemporary Man and the United Nations. By Margaret Bender. 35 cents.

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